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NO OFFICIAL MESSAGE HAS REACHED OTTAWA GIVING WORD OF ATTACK BY CANADIAN TROOPS NORTH OF ARRAS

**Militia Department Has Not Been Informed There Were Any
Such Four Assaults as War Office at Berlin Claims
Were Made Last Night**

Ottawa, March 30.—No word has been received at the Militia Department regarding the action in which, according to a German official statement, a Canadian Division was engaged east of Neuville-St. Vaast, on the front in France. The German report declares that the Canadian troops attacked, but that they were repulsed with heavy losses. No report of such an attack has been officially received here.

Neuville-St. Vaast is between four and five miles north of Arras. Thus it lies to the north of the sector of the front over which the Germans have been retiring before the Anglo-French forces.

The last time Canadian troops were reported as sharing in a large important movement was just after the beginning of the great German retreat, when it was stated that some of the units had been following the retreating Germans and occupying positions and clearing the ground just north of the Ancre River.

Since that time the official communications have indicated that the troops from Canada were engaged in trench warfare, being constantly on the alert for any signs of a change in the plans of the enemy.

German Statement.
Berlin, March 30.—Canadian troops made four attacks last night on German positions east of Neuville-St. Vaast, the War Office announces. They were repulsed with heavy losses. A further withdrawal of German troops on the Peronne-Pas road is announced.

SOME PASSAGES ARE QUITE UNPRINTABLE

**German Paper Surpasses Even
German Records Dealing With
Bernstorff's Examination**

London, March 30.—The examination of Count Bernstorff and his German party at Halifax when the liner Frederik VIII. reached there forms the subject of a sensational outburst in a recent issue of the Berlin Zeitung Am Mittag, a copy of which has been received here.

"Scratch a Canadian and you will find a savage," it exclaims. "The Canadian gentlemen we beg pardon, the Canadian inspectors—before proceeding with their highly remunerative task of inspecting the ship, had duly delivered themselves up to the sensuous delights of the nectar of the demigods, the only whisky of the Anglo-American bar. Some had worn ship's uniforms, and others the shining of John Bull and Uncle Sam that they had to be carried off the ship like so many inert masses of stupid human flesh, while others, not quite so full, but bearishly hilarious, made the echoes ring with their raucous voices, to the accompaniment of dances such as one would associate only with savages of their particular breed."

Unprintable Passages.
"That in such circumstances the lady members of the party suffered directly of the unprintable rudeness of these colored or parti-colored or white English gentlemen will be admitted, while, as a matter of course, indignities were inflicted on these ladies in the course of their examination. (Then follows a passage quite unprintable). Even Princess Hatzfeldt's little daughter was subjected to the minutest bodily search for possible letters or dispatches." (Another unprintable passage follows).

The article concludes:
"They are cultured creatures indeed, these trans-Atlantic auxiliaries of our dear cousins on the other side of the Channel, but they will be all the better for the German police which they are doomed to receive before our field greys are done with them."

It has already been stated from Ottawa that the German allegations of mistreatment at Halifax were mere inventions. It should be recalled that at the time the Frederik VIII. put into Halifax the whole of Nova Scotia was under a prohibitory law, and had been for some months, so that the "nectar of the demigods" would have been hard to obtain in any event. That Government officials in this instance could have become intoxicated is on the face of the case ridiculous.

SEATTLE TRIAL

Seattle, March 30.—Special Prosecutor Clarence L. Reames, for the Government, began the final argument in the whisky conspiracy trial at 11:15 this forenoon. It is expected that the case will go to the jury about 4 o'clock this afternoon.

CORRESPONDENT SAW NEW JOAN OF ARC

**Found Home of Claire Ferchoud in France Scene of
Pilgrimages**

**ECCLESIASTICAL BODY
HOLDING INVESTIGATION**

Cholet, France, via Paris, March 29, via London, March 30.—(By Fred B. Pitney.)—I have just made a visit to the farm of Claire Ferchoud, 21-year-old peasant girl and the modern Joan of Arc, who is said to have seen a vision of the supernatural. Residents in the surrounding country have great faith in the young prophetess.

The home of the young woman is the scene of pilgrimages that rival those of Lourdes. Many of the visitors are soldiers on furlough. At the feet of a small altar in her home, near a statue of the Blessed Virgin, there is a large basket filled with photographs. Thirty thousand of them are reported to have been deposited in this small temple by soldiers seeking heavenly consolation from the "Child of the Rinfallieres," as the young woman is known.

On High Hill.
Rinfallieres is the name of the farm on which the girl was born. It is in Vendee, at Puy St. Bonnet, twelve kilometres from Cholet. In this country of miracles everywhere can be seen Calvaries such as exist in all Roman Catholic countries. To reach the home of "the Saviour of France" one must take a real pilgrimage over high rugged cliffs and rocky roads. The shrine is on the summit of a high hill amidst nature and near the heavens.

When I entered Rinfallieres, Madame Jean Ferchoud, the young woman's mother, was busy making linen clothes such as are worn in some of the country districts of France. Pious images hung on the walls of the modest home. Apparently ignorant of all that has made her daughter famous, the mother said: "It is really true that Claire has visions and that she hears voices. I see or hear nothing in this place. What then can I say? All I know is that since the reports have been circulated about my daughter's vision my quietude has been disturbed by a large crowd of visitors, many of whom are more curious than pilgrims." And Mme. Ferchoud really had the appearance of being annoyed. "If it continues," she said, "I shall have the farm condemned by the town collector." And Mme. Ferchoud left me to go and care for her cattle.

Has Written Texts.
The door of the small chapel where the young girl was entranced bears a sign written in the uncertain hand of Claire Ferchoud and containing a mistake in spelling. It requests persons entering to close the door. Texts, conceived by her, are in curious contrast with this badly written sign. A visitor who read them told me that they were written clearly and firmly in the highest of doctrines.

I approached the modern Joan of Arc. "I can tell you nothing of my visions," she said, "except that they come to me after I have besought heaven for something to send the gallant French troops on to victory. I can only repeat what I have several times written, and that is that it is a little pretentious to say that it is I who shall save France. As a matter of fact, it is neither I nor any human means that can do this."

"You may tell those who ask for information about me that I know nothing of the future of France. I ask them to pray for me rather than display a curiosity that is not pleasant."

Commission at Work.
Commenting on the young woman's visions, the Vicar-General of Poitiers said to me:

"With regard to the reality of the mission which Claire Ferchoud has received, we do not know much at the present time. I am able to say that religious authority has intervened to the fullest extent of its power in order to consider the facts which have been submitted. An episcopal commission has been named to take note of the writings of the young woman. This commission has not yet reached its decision."

While the discussion is going on popular imagination has attributed many remarkable things to the modern Joan of Arc. One countryman is convinced that the recent French success has been foreseen by the prophetess and that when General Lyautey resigned, it was because he refused to confide the commands on the various fronts to the young woman.

Pious Movement.
Claire is much chagrined at the failure of some persons to accept the obvious differences in her handwriting. Notwithstanding this, the fact is that Rinfallieres is seeing real pilgrimages and a movement whose piety can not be questioned. In several regards this young woman has made of a hillside lost in Vendee a blessed ground to which come from all parts of France believers to pray and tourists to admire the superb site.

STRONGER FORCES FOR PANAMA CANAL ZONE, ORDERED BY STATES

Washington, March 30.—Strengthening of the military forces in the Panama Canal zone was ordered today by the War Department and a board of officers was named to report a plan of organizing the civilian employees in the Canal zone for military defence purposes. The board will consist of Lieut.-Colonel Harding, Governor of the Zone; Commander Hutch L. Cone, Marine Superintendent of the Canal; and Major Oliver Edwards, of the General Staff.

EXTENSIVE MOVES IN EAST IMPOSSIBLE

**Roads Impassable, Said Bethmann-Hollweg; Germany's
Internal Politics Must Wait**

London, March 30.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam today adds the following to the wireless version of the speech delivered by Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Chancellor, in the Reichstag yesterday:

"Regarding the military situation, I have little to add to the army reports. In the east extensive operations are out of the question at present. The season of impassable roads prevents operations on a greater scale."

In the west our backward movements are being effected according to plan and tend to daily increasing freedom of movement. The thanks of the entire people are due to the troops and their skilful leaders."

In Macedonia.
"On the other fronts our troops are standing with undiminished tenacity. In Macedonia, Bulgarian and German troops are splendidly repulsing French attacks on a great scale."

Regarding the submarine warfare, the Secretary of the Admiralty made a statement to the main committee of the Reichstag.
Discussing internal politics, the dispatch quotes the Chancellor as saying: "Although I would like it best if we could make reforms in the franchise to-morrow, I doubt whether the moment when we are concentrating all our strength in fighting the enemy is the right one for inaugurating a new electoral law. We must subordinate everything to bringing the war to a happy conclusion."

Spain Speaks.
Berlin, March 30.—In the debate in the Reichstag today Dr. Peter Spahn, leader of the Roman Catholic Centre Party, said that the monarchs of all the Entente monarchies were tottering on their thrones. Those who had been forced to leave their countries certainly would have been deposed had they remained. Even the Italian throne, he asserted, was unstable.

If it should come to blows with the United States, Germany would be found ready.
Gustav Noske, one of the Socialist editors, said he hoped the new war loan would be a complete success. He emphasized the fact that Germany had not intended to conquer China and hoped that after the war good relations would be resumed. "The Government's instructions to Ambassador von Bernstorff in regard to Mexico, he said, could hardly be called a diplomatic masterpiece."

To the End.
In regard to Russia, Herr Noske said it seemed that the present leaders had decided to pursue the war to a victorious end, but the pacifist masses would see that Germany did not intend to co-operate toward a re-establishment of imperialism.

"We Socialists are ready to oppose any such attempt in Germany," he continued. "Our Government must take advantage of any Russian overtures to arrange early and honorable peace with our eastern neighbor."

Germany was in no wise a reactionary country, he added, and the people abroad might well envy Germany's social legislation. He said, however, that Prussia had a political system which was doomed, adding: "We are advised from abroad to revolt, but we know better than to do so, although we know the goodwill that inspires this advice."

BRITISH S. S. GOVERNOR BATTLED WITH MOEWEE

London, March 30.—The fight which the German raider Moewee had with the British steamship Otaki was not the only one she had. A Reuter dispatch from Copenhagen says the captain of the Norwegian barque Stau, which was sunk by the St. Theodore after the latter had been fitted out as a raider by the Moewee, states that while on the way the Moewee had been in a stubborn fight with the armed British steamship Governor. During the engagement the second officer of the Governor was killed and both arms of a gunner named Huddoth were shot off. The Governor, as reported previously, eventually was sunk.
After the prisoners on the St. Theodore had been transferred to the Moewee off Rio de Janeiro, the vessel was sunk.

GERMAN COMPULSION IN POLAND SHORTLY

**That Which Entente Expected
About to Be Carried
Out**

**ONLY FEW HUNDRED
POLES WERE DECEIVED**

Copenhagen, March 30.—Compulsory recruiting for the Polish army evidently is about to be introduced in the new Kingdom of Poland instead of the voluntary system, which so far has produced only a few hundred recruits. Two army corps were fixed as the minimum by Austro-German calculations when the kingdom was established.

This move has been anticipated in the Entente countries for some time, as it has been quite apparent that there was no sincerity in the German proclamation of a so-called "Kingdom of Poland," a scheme which was adopted solely for the purpose of securing as many soldiers from Poland as possible for the German armies. Thus far the proclamation has amounted to little more than a proclamation, as the promised king has not been appointed and affairs are in the hands of a Provisional Government appointed and dominated by the Germans. That there have been but a few hundred recruits under the German system of voluntary enlistment indicates that the great bulk of the Polish populace pierced the flimsy scheme of the German "Kingdom of Poland."

The new Russian Government has pledged itself to give autonomy to Poland as one of the progressive measures it will carry out.

WENT ACROSS ABOARD CANADIAN TRANSPORT

**Representative of Canadian
Press in France Describes
His Voyage**

Toronto, March 30.—The following, written on shipboard by Stewart Lyon, the representative of the Canadian press who has been sent to the front in France, has reached here by mail:

"To-night we shall be in the submarine zone."
After a week at sea, playing Follow my Leader to a big cruiser, which acted as escort, the news "whispered by one of the ship's officers was almost welcome. It meant danger and an increase of precaution, but it quickened the lethargic occupants of the smoking room and afforded a wide scope for conversation that had become languid and fragmentary.

The wireless operator had done his best for us. From the United States naval wires at Arlington, on the Virginia Heights, just across the Potomac from Washington, he had picked up the daily story of "watchful waiting" plus "reasonable precautions." President Wilson had no admirer aboard and there was open scoffing when it was announced on the bulletin board that theoretically he "favored compulsory service."

From a British station on the coast of Cornwall came official reports with familiar names in them that brought before the mind's eye pictures of officers returning to the front, to some particular stretch of trench in "The Salient" that had become to them an ever-present nightmare. There are many salients on the western front, but for Canadians there will always be one "Salient," the deadly line around Ypres.

Cheery Optimism.
The bulletins contained little news of the sinking of ships by German undersea boats and opinion was divided as to whether this was out of consideration for our feelings, or because the Hun was really doing badly. Among a group of naval officers who had been on duty in American waters since the war began and had been recalled for service on home stations, there was the most cheery optimism as to the outlook. No one considered it at all possible that Germany's submarine blockade could prevent Britain from getting all the food and supplies needed to carry on the war.

"The sea is very big," said a young midshipman in an endeavor to put into words the confidence he felt that the German submarine campaign would fail. The sea is very big—and very empty too at the present time. In a week of steady steaming in clear weather we have seen but one vessel—a British tramp westward bound. The smoke from another was noticed this morning but she did not come within view. The tramp when first sighted was dead ahead, but when she saw the hulls of three vessels—one of them manifestly a warship—rise on the horizon, she hauled off to the north.

A TOWN EIGHT MILES EAST OF BAPAUME IS TAKEN BY HAIG'S MEN

**Correspondent Reports Capture of Ruyaulcourt; Paris Reports a Night of Calm
Along the Somme-Aisne Front; Germans
Repulsed By Russians**

London, March 30.—The capture by British troops of the town of Ruyaulcourt, about eight miles east of Bapaume, is reported by Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters in France.

Paris, March 30.—The heavy fighting on the French front since the beginning of the German withdrawal has come to an end for the time being.

"From the Somme to the Aisne, the night was calm along our outposts," says an official report issued this afternoon. "There were no important events elsewhere on the front, with the exception of patrol encounters and rather lively grenade fighting in the sector of Maisons-de-Champagne."

JUNKERS OPPOSING GERMAN REFORMS

**Their Attitude Made Clear by
Debate in the Prussian
Diet**

London, March 30.—Under the heading "Prussian Electoral Reform: Strong Junker Opposition," an Amsterdam dispatch of Thursday to the Times says:

"The debate on constitutional reform in the Upper House of the Prussian Diet yesterday was mainly remarkable for the strong opposition offered by the Conservatives to all proposals for increasing popular rights."

General von Kiehl began by denying that there was any special urgency for reform, and scoffed at the idea that the men in the trenches concern themselves with the question of a parliamentary vote. For him, the further democratization of state institutions meant restriction of the rights of the federal state and the extension of parliamentary rights meant restriction of the rights of the Crown. Everyone in Prussia had freedom except for stealing and murdering. He cried: "Hands off old Prussia!"

Von Roon.
"Similar language was used by Count von Roon, who declared: 'Our Prussian fatherland, and the heart of the German Empire, would be ruined by a liberal democratic franchise. My highest war aim is to maintain the Crown and monarchy heaven high.'"

"Duke Ernst Gunther zu Schleswig-Holstein repudiated these speakers as not having spoken in the name of the Conservative party."

"However that may be, the Anzeiger pointed out two days ago that there was great difference of opinion among the Conservative Party. Reform, it said, meant the undermining of monarchical authority as well as the foundations of the Prussian state."

"Herr von Breitenbach, Minister of Public Works, ostensibly defending von Bethmann-Hollweg, emphasized the fact that the Chancellor insisted that the reforms, and especially electoral reform, would have to be postponed until after the war."

"The Koelnische Volks Zeitung says the proposal to institute in the Reichstag an electoral franchise for Prussia will never find a majority in the Upper House, and perhaps not a dozen advocates."

"The emphasis laid on the postponement of reform in spite of the many smooth utterances of other speakers was the most important feature of the debate, from which it is perfectly evident no serious reforms will be introduced until military defeat has impressed all the elements."

Herr Scheidemann, head of the Socialist majority in the Reichstag and controller of the Vorwaerts, is driving a stiff bargain with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg as the price of political support. No promise of reforms after the war is good enough for Scheidemann. He read the Chancellor yet another stiff reason in Wednesday's issue of his paper.

"In the middle of the war," he said, "and at this very moment, domestic political reform is one of the most indispensable necessities of life for Germany. We demand it to-day."

Petrograd, March 30.—An official report issued to-day reads:

"Western front—In the region of Goldovichi, 12 miles southeast of Baranovichi, we attacked with asphyxiating gas. Simultaneously our artillery bombarded the enemy's trenches with shells charged with chemicals."

"Near the village of Martynovka, on the Oginski Canal, enemy troops attacked our positions, and forced an entrance to our trenches, but were driven back."

Roumanian front—Our artillery brought down a German aeroplane. "Caucasus front—There was scouting reconnaissance and reciprocal firing."

"Aerial activity—One of our aeroplanes bombed Tulitche."

TWO BRITISH MEN KILLED IN MEXICO

**Manager of Oil Company and
Cashier Murdered by
Bandits**

Galveston, March 30.—W. H. T. Buckingham, general manager of the Aguilera Oil Company on the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, and his cashier, named Bannerman, were killed by bandits at Nachital on March 9, according to information brought here by passengers arriving from Mexico on a tank steamship. Both men were British subjects. After Buckingham had been killed, his body was hacked to pieces.

These passengers also reported that a reign of terror has prevailed for several weeks in the oilfields near Matamoros, in the State of Vera Cruz, and declared it to be the result of German influence. The oilfields lie between territory occupied by Carranza troops on one side and the forces of Zapata on the other.

\$1,500 Demanded.
Buckingham and Bannerman were killed following a demand by the bandits for \$1,500 and their discovery that the safe contained only \$1,300. Buckingham had been in Mexico for 25 years.

The next day, says the report, the bandits killed a Mexican farmer, his wife and father and cut off the hands of the farmer's two little girls.

FULL ALLOTMENT AS HIGH AS \$25,000

**Subscriptions to War Loan
Above That Will
Be Cut**

Ottawa, March 30.—Sir Thomas White stated to-day that the subscriptions to the war loan will be fully tabulated by Monday, after which the Department will proceed with the allotment. All subscriptions up to \$25,000 will be allotted in full. The degree to which subscriptions in excess of \$25,000 will be cut down will be announced, if possible, on Tuesday next.

The total subscription has been in excess of \$250,000,000, and the number of subscribers about 37,000. This is inclusive of the subscriptions of the chartered banks, amounting to \$50,000,000. They will receive no part of their subscriptions. No conversions from previous loans are included in the total subscriptions given above.

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HOLDING AMERICANS.

London, March 30.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam says:

"Frontier correspondents hear from Brussels that the American legation there is completely isolated and under a guard of German police. It is rumored that the Germans contemplate taking the Minister (Brand Whitlock) and his staff to Germany."

"The Americans in Brussels have been notified that they cannot leave Belgium before three months at the earliest."

AUSTRIANS REPULSED.

Rome, March 31.—The War Office gave out the following report last night:

"On the Carso front last night, after a heavy bombardment, enemy troops rushed our positions on the southern slopes of Hill 144. They were repulsed immediately, leaving a few prisoners in our hands. Hostile aircraft dropped bombs on Gorizia. There were no casualties."

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GETTING READY FOR SESSION OF CONGRESS

Steps at Washington Taking Final Form; Parties Shaping Courses

Washington, March 30.—Steps in anticipation of President Wilson's appearance before Congress next week and for action on whatever recommendations he may make to meet the national emergency began to take final form to-day. These steps were: The President held a final conference with his cabinet preparatory to starting the actual writing of the address he will deliver before a joint assembly of the House and Senate. House Democrats held a caucus to consider plans for organization of the House by their party, and a committee of 27 Republicans met to prepare their final recommendations for organization of the House which will be laid before a caucus of Republicans to-morrow. Plans for raising revenue were considered at a meeting of Democratic members of the House ways and means committee.

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, following his conference with the President yesterday over his universal military training plan, agreed to press for prompt action in the Senate on the regular army appropriation bill, which failed at last session, as soon as it comes over from the House.

"The Senator assured the President that he already has authority without further Congressional action, to raise immediately an army of more than 500,000 by increasing the regular army to war strength."

Reports of submarines having been seen off Montauk Point Monday night were believed to-day to have been disposed of by Secretary Daniels's announcement that they were in reality patrol motorboats returning to Long Island Sound after trial trips.

1,200 IDLE MEN.

Pittsburg, March 30.—Twelve hundred men employed in the Twenty-eighth Street plant of the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company were idle to-day for the first time in two years. Last night a big contract for 7-inch explosive shells for a foreign government was completed, and the men were told there was nothing more for them to do.

VILLAGE CAPTURED BY BRITISH TROOPS

Neuville-Bourjonval, East of Ypres, Taken, Says Report From France

London, March 30.—The following official report from the front in France was issued last night:

"The village of Neuville-Bourjonval, east of Ypres, was captured by our troops this morning."

"Raiding parties of our troops entered enemy lines during the night east of Arras and in the neighborhood of Neuville-St. Vaast and Neuve-Chapelle. Several dugouts were destroyed and casualties were inflicted."

"Two German aeroplanes were driven down yesterday. Three of our machines are missing."

French Report.

Paris, March 30.—The following official report was issued last night:

"From the Somme to the Oise the day was relatively calm. In the Margival sector there was active artillery fighting."

"The artillery actions were quite violent in the direction of Maisons-de-Champagne and Hill 304, and in Lorraine, in the neighborhood of Embarras."

"Yesterday a German aeroplane was brought down."

A Belgian communication said: "After great artillery activity during the night in the region of Steenstraete the day was marked only by a few reciprocal bombardments."

Germans Entrenched.

London, March 30.—The Germans are now entrenched along the front over which the French and British have been advancing, according to a statement made to a representative of the Associated Press, by Major-General F. B. Maurice, Chief Director of Military Operations at the War Office.

"Our advance has slackened owing to the difficulty of feeding the troops in the devastated country," said Major-General Maurice. "We also are suffering from the fact that we must cover the Somme battlefield, while our Allies have clear ground. They also have the advantage of not coming into touch with the enemy in an short distance as our forces, for in making a straight line the Germans had to withdraw to a greater depth on French front than on ours."

"As we advance the evidence of wanton destruction shows that in what I said last week I minimized rather than overdid my description of the Germans' work. I notice that in defending their action the Germans state they are cutting the timber for a military object. This defence is ridiculous, as they left fallen trees for our use to a much larger extent than we would have ever dreamed of cutting for ourselves."

Guns Needed.

"While we are still engaging the Germans in the open there is no doubt they have reached a trench line from which they are not likely to withdraw until we bring up our trench-digging guns. Hence, we are hardly likely to know whether this forms the much advertised Hindenburg line until we are prepared to assault it. Meantime our forces are not great enough, nor have they had time enough to build an opposing line of trenches."

"We have gained a cheering success in Palestine near Gaza, where we took the divisional headquarters of a Turkish force, including the divisional commander and a number of Austrian guns."

"There is little to say about Mesopotamia, except that everything goes well there, where Lieut.-General Maude has established his army in a position to await the advance of the Russian forces. The difficulties of supply and transport are much less now than during the campaign which resulted in the capture of Kut-el-Amara."

NAVY LEAGUE OF STATES MAKING PREPARATIONS

Washington, March 30.—Completion of machinery to collect and disburse a fund of \$10,000,000 for the families of 100,000 naval volunteers in case of war, was announced last night by the Navy League of the United States at a meeting at which Sir Herbert B. Ames, organizer of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, was the principal speaker.

The Navy League, with its 2,000 branches, will co-operate in collecting the fund, which will be known as the War Relief Fund for the Navy, and will pay all administration costs. Branches will be formed in every state and by May 1 it is planned to have several thousand local committees at work. A large sum already has been pledged.

It is proposed to pay the families of volunteers a sum about equal to the difference between their breadwinners' present income and the government allowance to enlisted men.

Rear-Admiral Richard Wainwright, of the United States navy, retired, chairman of the League's war relief committee, was appointed director of the fund, and Woodbury Blair, of Washington, was made chairman of the executive committee.

AUSTRIA AND STATES.

Berne, March 30.—A neutral diplomat who arrived here from Vienna to-day asserts that Austria is almost feverishly anxious to retain good relations with the United States, but is even more desirous and determined to support Germany. The continuance of friendly relations between Washington and Vienna depends almost entirely, he believes, upon the outcome of the crisis between Germany and the United States.

OUTDISTANCES EVEN HIS FORMER EFFORTS

Bethmann-Hollweg Makes the Most Hypocritical Speech of His Career

Berlin, March 30.—In the speech he delivered in the Reichstag yesterday, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Chancellor, referred to Germany's attitude toward the recent events in Russia, and recalled the honored friendship between the two countries in former times. He said, however, that this friendship had ended with the death of Alexander II.

Emperor Nicholas had more and more drifted into the Entente's wake and into Pan-Slavic currents, and finally had become a partisan of the war party, omnipotent under the Russian autocratic regime.

"Thus," said the Chancellor, "in the fateful days of July, 1914, the Russian Emperor declined to listen to the appeal made by the German Emperor. One of the legendary reports disseminated with especial emphasis by our enemies is that it was the German Government which assisted the autocratic reactionary policy in Russia against all the movements of liberty. One year ago I declared in the Reichstag that this asseveration was directly contrary to the facts."

"When Russia, in 1905, by the Japanese war and the resulting revolution, had been involved in distress, it was the German Emperor who, on account of personal relations of friendship, urgently advised the Russian Emperor no longer to oppose the justified wishes of his nation for reforms. Emperor Nicholas preferred other roads. In Russia, had attention been concentrated on internal reconstruction, the restless policy of expansion which finally led to this war, and which has changed the old regime so much that now it is hard even to do justice to natural, human pity for the downfallen house of the rulers."

Never Meddle!

"Nobody can tell how things will develop, but our attitude toward Russia's events is clearly outlined. We shall follow the principle that we never meddle with the internal problems of other countries. It now is maliciously reported that Germany wants to annihilate the hardly conquered freedom of the Russian nation, and that the German Emperor wants to re-establish the rule of the Czar over his enslaved subjects. All these are merely lies and slander, as I have expressly stated."

"How the Russian nation wants to construct its home is only the business of the Russian nation, and we shall not meddle with it. The only thing that we hope is that in Russia foundations may develop that will make her the strong and grim bulwark of peace."

With reference to Chinese relations the Chancellor said:

"Our relations with China had always been of the most friendly nature, and if these relations have actually been terminated by the Chinese Government I need not tell you that this is not the free resolve of the Chinese Government, but that it has acted under pressure of our enemies."

"Financial difficulties which could not be mastered during the war by China also played a fair part in it. Our enemies' object also is to destroy our trade in China and to appropriate without labor what has been established there during many years by German efficiency and German industry."

"The result of the war, I confidently hope, will give us the opportunity to rebuild what has been destroyed and to build it at the expense of our enemies. Then our friendly relations with China will revive, provided that China will preserve until then the necessary force of resistance against the greed and egotism of her present protectors."

The Battlefronts.

London, March 30.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent says Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg in his address in the Reichstag yesterday referred to events on the battlefronts, and especially the western front, where he said things had been accomplished for which warm thanks were due the brave troops, Field-Marshal von Hindenburg and General von Ludendorff. His remarks were applauded.

The Chancellor also is quoted as saying: "The submarine warfare in March has been as successful as in February," a statement that was also applauded.

Referring to domestic affairs, the Chancellor said that the day's speeches had not convinced him that a reform of the Prussian franchise could begin now. It would be a very serious matter to decide such a question while millions of men were in the trenches. "The Chancellor concluded by expressing confidence that the unity of the German people would make them invincible."

RE-MAKING POLAND.

London, March 30.—A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says that the Provisional Government of Russia has ordered the organization of a commission, with Alexander Lednitsky, a member of the first Duma, as chairman, to settle the affairs of Poland. The committee will compile a register of the property belonging to the Government and the public institutions in Poland and devise measures for the management of these until handed over to the Polish state.

The committee also will define the relations between the state and the Roman Catholic Church. It is announced that women will be eligible for all Government posts, including ministerial offices.

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A CONSERVATIVE CLAIM IN ALBERTA LEGISLATURE

Edmonton, March 30.—E. Michener, leader of the Opposition in the Legislature, yesterday afternoon spoke of a sale of bonds of the Canadian Northwestern Railway Company.

Michener held there is \$115,000 missing, in addition to hundreds of thousands paid out as interest which should not have been paid out.

Early in the session the Opposition obtained from Hon. C. R. Mitchell, the Provincial Treasurer, a set of figures regarding the sale of these bonds.

Mr. Michener said yesterday that his information was that the statement made by the Provincial Treasurer was not according to facts.

Mr. Mitchell tabled a statement showing that the bonds had been sold to the underwriters of the Canadian Northwestern Railway at 85%.

"According to information obtained from Lezard Brothers, of London," said Mr. Michener, "the firm of underwriters who bought the bonds say they paid 51% for the securities, thus leaving unexplained the disposition of \$115,000, the difference between the figures given by the Provincial Treasurer and the figures given by Lezard Brothers."

"According to reports from Rotterdam," said the Overseas News Agency yesterday, "the captains of British merchant ships have been instructed to take only colored crews for trips to ports of the Entente Powers, and for traffic with neutral ports to ship only neutral sailors. On account of the increased number of desertions in British ports, the sailors must immediately go on board as soon as they are enlisted."

London, March 30.—The Admiralty last evening issued a statement regarding the German wireless press message announcing that captains of British merchant ships had been ordered to take on special crews for trips to Entente and neutral ports. After calling attention to the amazing "impudence of this collection of lies," it continues:

"Not one case has occurred of a British sailor refusing to go to sea, and the reference to the employment of only colored crews is an invention circulated by the obvious intention of stirring up trouble in Moslem and neutral countries."

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MUST PAY TAX ON ENTERING STATES

Canadians and Other Nationalities Come Under New American Law

Ottawa, March 29.—The proposed head tax of \$5 on persons entering the United States from Canada, discussed at a conference of Canadian railway officials at Niagara Falls, is understood to be contemplated by the United States Government and not the Dominion Government. Authorities here are in doubt as to the exact nature of the regulation, which becomes effective, it is understood, after May 1.

Over Wilson's Veto.

Washington, March 29.—The \$8 tax on aliens entering the United States, which applies to all nationalities, including Canadians, was imposed by the immigration law which was passed over President Wilson's veto in February. It becomes effective May 1. Canadians, Newfoundlanders, Cubans and Mexicans entering the United States for a temporary stay are exempt if they have resided uninterruptedly in those countries one year preceding such entrance. The tax must be paid to the collector of customs of the port or customs district to which the alien comes; but if there be no collector at such port or district, then to the nearest collector, or the master, agent, owner or consignee of the vessel, transportation line, conveyance or vehicle.

ARMIES OF BRITAIN NEED ALL AVAILABLE MEN, SAYS BONAR LAW

London, March 29.—A bill giving the military authorities power to order re-examination of men previously rejected for military service and also of men who already have served and been discharged in consequence of wounds or illness, was moved in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Bonar Law. The Chancellor said the bill was an absolute necessity owing to the military situation. It passed the second reading.

During a debate in which the government proposals came in for a considerable amount of criticism, Col. Winston Spencer Churchill urged that unmarried men 42 or 43 years of age in their full vigor should be taken rather than convalescents, which he characterized as cowardly thing to do. He accused the Government of tinkering with the question of manpower and advocated a secret session to discuss manpower and tonnage.

Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law agreed with Col. Churchill that this was a case for a secret session, although it was doubtful if even in such a way the Government would be justified in giving all the facts and figures. After Easter, however, the Government would consider the matter, he said.

R. F. GREEN RESIGNS.

Ottawa, March 29.—R. F. Green, M. P., National Service Director for British Columbia, has resigned.

Mr. Green felt that his parliamentary duties and the fact that he was one of the Conservative party whips, would make it difficult for him to continue on the Board. As he was serving without remuneration, it was felt that his request should be complied with, and his resignation therefore has been accepted by R. B. Bennett, Director-General of National Service.

Mr. Green's successor has not been appointed, but H. H. Watson, ex-M.P. for Vancouver, is mentioned as likely to succeed him.

NO PEACE STEPS BY SWITZERLAND

After Report by Commission, Parliament Decides Time is Inopportune

Berne, March 29.—The Swiss Parliament decided yesterday by a vote of 88 to 22 that Switzerland should make no move in behalf of peace at present. This action was taken after hearing the majority and minority reports of a commission appointed to consider the possibility of a peace move by Switzerland.

The majority of the commission advised against any action at this time. The minority suggested: first, that the Bundesrath declare itself ready to take part in a general conference of states immediately after the war for the purpose of creating an international organization for the peaceful settlement of all political and economic international disputes; secondly, that the Bundesrath declare itself ready, either alone or in connection with other neutral states, to offer its good services for peace negotiations whenever the circumstances seem timely or whenever its services are requested.

M. Hoffman, Director of the Political Department, in supporting the majority report, said: "The petition for a peace movement by Switzerland were well meant, but that the psychological moment for peace had not arrived."

ANXIOUS TO FIGHT FOR UNITED STATES

Newark, N. J., March 29.—Andrew Miller, a young farmer who is on his way to-day to join the United States marines at Charleston, S. C., walked twenty-five miles to enlist because he had no money and was too proud to beg a ride.

"I want to fight," he told the recruiting officer. "I was working in a field when a fellow came along and said the Germans had declared war on the United States and were bombarding New York City. I dropped my hoe and did not even wait to get the money that was coming to me. I do not need a uniform; all I want is a gun."

PARCELS TO SOLDIERS

should always contain a few boxes of Zam-Buk. Pts. J. R. Smith, of the "Princess Pats," writing to a friend in Ottawa, says:—"Tell my friends, if they want to help me, to send me Zam-Buk. We need all we can get out here."

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, March 29.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.
Killed in action—Pte. F. C. Barnett, Ottawa; Pte. P. Botzer, Donovan, Sask.; Pte. W. Jose, Newcastle, Ont.; Lieut. W. R. Boucher, Regina; Pte. W. Doran, Wilcox, Sask.; Pte. E. McFall, Millan, Mich.; Pte. T. Hone, Ceylon, Sask.; Pte. W. Gray, Weyburn, Sask.; Pte. I. Brown, Neepawa, Man.; Pte. J. Mingle, England; Pte. S. Elliott, Omaha, Ont.; Pte. G. Hunt, England; Pte. B. Cunningham, Quebec.

Previously reported wounded and missing; now reported killed in action—Sergeant A. Ross, Montreal.

Previously reported dangerously wounded; now died of wounds—Pte. R. Decoste, Havre Boucher, N.S.

Previously reported missing; now for official purposes presumed to have died—Cpl. L. Ratte, Montreal; Pte. S. Drew, St. John, N. B.; Pte. W. Hill, Harrington, West, Ont.; Pte. E. Watson, Edmonton; Sergeant W. Cowie, St. Thomas, Ont.

Died—Cpl. J. Peterson, Birds Hill, Man.; Sergeant D. Hastings, England; Pte. J. Fraser, Mulgrave, N. S.; Cpl. A. Corrigan, Ireland; Pte. Wm. Andrews, Woodstock, Ont.

Seriously ill—Pte. J. Lindsay, Scotland; Cpl. George Vanzant, Port Williams, Cpl. A. Corrigan, Ireland; Pte. J. Montague, Zurich, Ont.

Wounded—Pte. Thos. Howell, England; Pte. E. A. Cunningham, Yarmouth, N.S.; Pte. S. Bell, Attleboro, Mass.; Pte. Wm. Roche, Ireland; Pte. J. Lindsay, Montreal; Sergeant T. Teiford, Mimico, Ont.; Pte. Norman Ewart, Vancouver; Pte. W. E. Gallagher, Summerland, B. C.; Pte. R. E. Perkins, Port Kells, B. C.; Pte. J. Ryan, Hatherage, Alta.; Pte. Frank Statten, Wilno, Ont.; Pte. W. P. Patton, Hope, B. C.; Pte. Geo. Brown, Scotland; Pte. D. Thomas, Wales; Pte. B. Ferguson, Scotland; Pte. J. McInnes, Winnipeg; Pte. J. D. Slavin, Kamloops, B. C.; Pte. S. A. Kelsberg, Vancouver; Pte. F. J. Harris, Edmonton; Pte. H. S. Norris, England; Pte. P. H. Mander, Clayburn, B. C.; Pte. E. Costain, England; Pte. W. M. Dean, Edmonds, B. C.; Pte. J. Ross, Milwaukee; Pte. A. McClelland, Vancouver; Pte. H. I. Perkins, Port Kells, B. C.; Pte. Alex. Nicol, Harper's Camp, B. C.; Pte. Stewart Watson, Capital Hill, B. C.; Pte. F. G. Fuskett, Harris, Sask.; Cpl. A. Livingstone, Portland, Ore.; Pte. D. McKay, Andover, N. B.; Pte. David Scott, Scotland; Pte. G. Labras, Toronto; Pte. J. Cool, Calgary; Pte. W. P. Poppington, South Vancouver; Sgt. A. Irving, Montreal; Pte. J. Street, Russia; Pte. Wm. Clarke, Hill Farm, Sask.; Pte. W. Campbell, Ireland; Pte. A. Corbett, Hanover, Ont.; Pte. Edward McIvor, Toronto; Pte. J. Macfarlane, Russia; Pte. J. Casselman, Victoria, Ont.; Sgt. W. Wallace, Scotland; Pte. J. McPhee, Sydney, N. S.; Pte. Wm. Somerset, Winnipeg; Pte. J. Watson, Carman, Man.; Pte. Wm. Bond, Winnipeg; Pte. S. Lee, Scotland; Pte. E. Hendry, Port Elgin, Ont.; Pte. A. Lawrie, Dugald, Man.; Pte. W. Kristanson, Otto, Man.; Pte. J. Amyott, Haywood, Man.

Suffering from fracture—Pte. G. Barker, England; Pte. F. Bowling, Edmonton.

Reported missing—Pte. J. Ramsom, Calgary; Lieut. P. S. Whiteside, Wales.

Artillery.
Died—Gnr. R. Marshall, Toronto.

Seriously ill—Gnr. H. Ballard, England; Dangerously wounded—Gnr. G. R. Slack, Ottawa, Ont.

Engineers.
Died—Sapper C. Sapin, no address.

Wounded—Sapper D. Jacques, England; Cpl. J. A. McConaghy, Neepawa, Man.; Sapper G. Morrison, Scotland.

Mounted Rifles.
Previously reported missing and believed killed; now for official purposes believed died—Pte. G. W. Pringle, Howlandville, Ont.; Pte. J. Dolan, Fredericton, N. B.; Pte. H. Guild, Exeter, B. C.; Pte. C. Ball, Paris, Ont.; Pte. J. Flynn, Halifax; Pte. Ira Bradley, Halifax; Pte. C. Wainman, Quebec; Pte. H. Stamp, Longford Mills, Ont.; Capt. J. Simmons, Toronto.

Wounded—Pte. J. Boyd, Scotland; Cpl. J. Gordon, Scotland; Pte. L. Kring, Toronto; Pte. A. Andrews, Bannockburn, Ont.

Previously reported missing; now for official purposes presumed to have died—Pte. W. H. Johnston, Ottawa.

Services.
Killed in action—Lieut. A. R. Legg, Ottawa; Pte. T. Currie, Winnipeg.

Seriously ill—Pte. C. Forsythe, no address.

Wounded—Pte. W. J. Janies, England; Reported missing—Lieut. R. P. Baker, Vancouver.

ALASKA FIFTY YEARS PART OF THE STATES

Washington, March 29.—Alaska's fiftieth anniversary to-day as a part of the United States was signalled by Secretary Lane of the Interior Department, with a statement in which he said: "Alaska's period of trial is over. She has been weighed in the balance and found magnificently worthy."

Mr. Lane said the wisdom of William H. Seward, the Secretary of State who negotiated the Alaskan purchase in 1867 against virulent opposition, had been justified, and after fifty years the annual financial statements show and prove conclusively "that to have neglected that opportunity would have been a colossal blunder, a blunder future generations could never forgive."

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Same Case, finished with two-grain leather outside straps—24-inch.....**\$4.15**
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Washington, March 30.—Orders were placed by the Navy Department to-day with the American Steel & Wire Company, of Philadelphia, for the immediate construction of 100 steel rope submarine nets. The nets will cost \$1,881 each, will be 1,650 feet long and 30 feet wide, with a 12-foot mesh. Deliveries will begin within three weeks and continue at the rate of ten a week thereafter.

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west. Our watch dog promptly drew out of line and followed, signalling to the stranger as she went. At a speed that must have been well up to her record of almost twenty-six knots, she overhauled the tramp, establishing her identity, gave some good advice and was back again at the head of the procession in an amazingly short time.

A Comparison.

To compare small things with big, I have seen a shepherd's collie on Loch Awe Side scamper off after an erring sheep, bring it back to the flock, return to his station at the shepherd's heel over the backs of his charges and yawn in a bored way as if to say "it's all in a day's work you know," much in the same fashion as the big cruiser rounded up the tramp.

A signal officer watching the incident said he favored boarding every time. The tramp no doubt was all right and her identity seemed to be satisfactorily established, but somewhere in these waters there probably was a ship that was mothering German submarines—especially in oil—and for his part he would take nothing for granted. On the New York station, where he had been for a time, there was too much consideration for the feelings of the neutrals. The Admiralty had not been disposed to make more trouble than was absolutely necessary because of American aversion to the exercise of the right of search. Now that there was a possibility of the United States coming in, Britain should do everything possible to tighten the blockade.

Drill on Deck.

For another day after the tramp passed the ship's routine remained much the same. Exercise and drill on crowded decks is not very fascinating as a spectacle for the home civilian whose point of vantage is a stateroom window, and whose ears are filled with shouts of "Hans Dawn, abah! Turn, Double," and other words of command mingled with the noise made by hundreds of men manoeuvring along a narrow strip of deck. The troops got a lot of fun out of the proceedings when the vessel rolls and undoubtedly are kept in much better condition than would be possible were drill and exercise suspended.

Now that we are in the submarine zone there are new elements of interest. The weather is no longer a topic of idle conjecture. For the first time in my sea-going I find sailors who are longing for fog. Fog is no friend of the submarine. The other afternoon mist came down that seemed to shut out everything beyond about half a mile. "Better than three escorts," declared a sailor, with a sweep of his arm out toward the bank of mist which, relatively dense near the water, was noticeably thinner fifty feet up. The submarine is practically blind in weather of that sort. The periscope is useless in piercing the heavy mist near the surface, while if the underside boat ventures up, its chance of being seen and hit by a watchful gunner is much greater than its chance of seeing a passing ship.

Not Protected.

The sailors and ship's officers are greatly interested in the submarine problem. Britain's merchant seamen are not financially protected as her soldiers and naval seamen are against this added peril of the deep. If they are killed by the explosion of a torpedo, or drowned as a result of the torpedoing of their ship, there is no pension for their families from the national treasury, and in rare instances only a pension from any other source. The owners of merchant ships do not assume responsibility for "the acts of God" or the doings of "the King's enemies." The seaman must insure himself. Even his clothes constitute an insurance risk. If he pays two shillings on his outfit, the insurance company will pay him 15 when the Hun sends his ship under and leaves him on the ocean plus a lifebelt and minus his togs. It is a grievance of the merchant seamen and officers that they are forced to run extra risks in the submarine zone without any hope of compensation for their families from the state, but they face the situation without flinching, and do their best to escape the snares of the enemy.

Zig-Zag Course.

To-day the game of Follow my Leader is no longer a monotonous procession in a straight line. The vessels zig-zag in all sorts of unexpected ways. At one moment the ship ahead will be some distance off the port bow. A little later she

that, his attitude in this respect suggests a modification of the German military plan for the eastern front. A great Hun offensive against Russia now would be regarded by the Social-Democrats of Germany with grave suspicion. They would see in it a move to overthrow the new democracy and to restore the autocratic system in Russia as a buffer for the autonomy in their own country. The agitators for representative Government in Germany realise clearly that it is to their own vital interest that the Russian democracy maintain its position, irrespective of the effect upon the military situation. Fresh significance attaches to the Chancellor's remarks in this connection from the advice of Major Morant. In the Berliner Tageblatt, a few days ago, that Germany leave Russia alone for the present. The major's professed reason was in the absence of military operations against Russian territory trouble between the Russian army and the Russian people might develop. This, of course, is not the real motive of his advice. He fears that a German offensive against Russia at this stage would disunite Germany.

SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED.

It is satisfactory to learn from the Premier that the Government will investigate the charges made in connection with the soldiers' voting on the Prohibition referendum and the counting of the ballots. These charges are of the gravest character and involve the Agent-General of this province as well as the conduct of his office. It is asserted that when he sought the legal advice of Sir John Simon he did not apprise that eminent counsel of the Order-in-Council providing for the rejection of ballots in boxes not sealed before December 31. This, as Mr. Brewster pointed out, is a serious reflection upon Sir Richard McBride and should be fully investigated. The Government should satisfy itself as to the truth or falsity of the charges and counter-charges that have been made in regard to this matter, for the reputation of the province is involved and it is imperative that this be fully vindicated.

Anticipations of the commission of the "overt act" were lively when it was announced that hostile submarines were hovering off the port of New York. It would have been a joke if Captain Paul Koenig, the one-time hero of New London, Ct., had crossed over in a war submarine for the purpose of requisitioning eastern American cities for their courtesies. But the hostile submarines were only ordinary mosquito coasting craft.

The former Czar of All the Russias is reported to be quite contented with his lot as Nicholas Romanoff. That proves that he is a philosopher. No man is in a happier position than he who is contented with the position in life in which Providence has been pleased to place him, particularly when Providence exemplifies its pleasure through the will of the people.

The leader of the Catholic party in what passes for a parliament in Germany says the thrones of monarchs in all the Entente countries are tottering. Even if they were to totter over, that would leave Germany on a still higher eminence of evil.

The defeat of the Turks in Palestine recalls the Kaiser's spectacular entry into Jerusalem in days not so long gone by. The road to another triumphal appearance in the Holy City is effectively blocked, at least as far as the All-Highest is concerned.

Boston Transcript: Canada is planning to give employment to veterans invalided from the front. We ought to be able to use a considerable number of them as military instructors.

We are constrained to remark that our prohibitionist friends are the boys who can produce "hot stuff."

A MINISTER OF THE CROWN!

Edmonton Bulletin.
Sir Robert Borden evidently considers the peculiar political talents of Hon. Robert Rogers necessary to the existence of his government, and has no intention of asking for his resignation. But he might at least refrain from taking Mr. Rogers to London with him. The people of Canada are entitled to be excused from having the humiliation put upon them of being represented at an imperial conference by a minister whom an investigating judge has found to be a thief and a perjurer.

LIFE ETERNAL

Unto my brother do I send these lines,
Turned has life's tide, and that resist-
less power
That washed my barque upon the shore
of time,
Where stands the Cross of Christ, and
one long hour
For choice eternal gave, its right doth
claim
To bar me on forever; and though I
pass
Decaying constellations' pining flames,
So planets perish as the autumn grass—
Though all that's seen unseen becomes,
yet I
In whom God breathed the Life that
died and rose,
As son of resurrection cannot die;
Nor can I sin; herein is my repose.
When heart and flesh would fall before
this sea,
And as my journey so my praise shall be,
—anon.

Victoria, March 22.

are not based upon ethical considerations at all. The word "prostitution" flowed from the reverend speaker's lips last night with marked felicity. There can be no more pernicious form of prostitution than the irresponsible, venomous assaults made by that gentleman upon people who, judging by the exhibition he gave last night, are at least as worthy as he is, and who no doubt include not a few of the members of the congregation from whom he derives his income. Sometimes, in the revelation of uncharitableness and fanatical hatred which emanates from certain elements supposed to be consecrated to the uplift of human society, it is hard to believe that we are not living in those harrowing days when men with equal zeal and equally good intentions—and with the same utter absence of charity—applied the match to the stake to which was tied some unfortunate wretch who did not see as they did, and ascribed the crime to the Glory of God! They merely used the torch, the rack and the thumb-screw as a substitute for reviling those who did not pattern themselves according to their standards.

THE VICTORY NEAR GAZA.

The defeat of a Turkish division near Gaza in Palestine by the Army of Egypt indicates a renewal in force of the second phase of the three-fold campaign against Turkey in Asia. This movement is being carried out in intimate co-ordination with the advance of the British up the valley of the Tigris beyond Bagdad and the westward operations of the Russian Army of Persia which now is approaching the environs of Mosul and with which General Maude should effect a junction before long.

The exact locality of the latest British victory is not given in the official report, but evidently it is between Rafa and Gaza, and news of the occupation of the latter place may be expected any time. The fact that the victors captured the enemy's general and the whole divisional staff makes it clear that the Turks were manoeuvred into a trap, in which case their casualties must have been very heavy. We may expect to hear, therefore, that a very material advance into the Holy Land has been made possible by this striking success, for the enemy will be too demoralized to offer organized resistance for a considerable distance. General Murray no doubt will endeavor to follow his victory with a pursuit as energetic as that which succeeded the capture of Kut, and which gave the British Bagdad, more than 120 miles up the Tigris. In that case we should receive word of the occupation of many historic places in Palestine within the next few days.

Gaza is near the sea coast, about forty-five miles southwest of Jerusalem. It is also twenty-five miles west of the military railroad constructed by the Germans from a point on the Jerusalem-Jaffa line to Beersheba. The advance of the British along the coast, however, must automatically force the Turks backward along the railroad, otherwise the enemy might find his communications cut by a cavalry movement in the rear. The preparations for this campaign have been no less thorough than those made by General Maude for his advance up the Tigris. Railroads were built across the desert from Suez to the Turkish boundary, while in addition to these transport facilities the British have the advantage of sea communications. There is no reason why a relatively rapid advance to Jerusalem and northward towards Aleppo, also the ultimate objective of the Allies farther east, should not be anticipated.

THE ANXIOUS CHANCELLOR.

The attention devoted to Russia by the German Chancellor in the Reichstag reflects the apprehension felt by the Prussian ruling classes over the effect of the recent revolution upon the internal situation in Germany. Von Bethmann-Hollweg deemed it necessary to declare with the utmost emphasis that the German Government had not inspired the reactionary policy of Russia's late rulers, and had no desire to restore the Romanoff dynasty to the Russian throne. The fact that the Chancellor labored those two points at some length is significant. In both, of course, he is indulging that facility for falsehood which his political opponents have no hesitation in ascribing to him. If the German people are unaware of the connection between Potemkin and the Petrograd reactionaries, they are the only people in the world who are. Von Hindenburg could easily enlighten them if he had deemed it politic to do so. The Chancellor, indeed, went as far towards describing Germany as sympathetic with the democratic aspirations of the Russian people as he could conveniently go in view of the fact that the German people to-day are no better situated than the Russians were before the revolution. He thus was compelled to indulge in another exhibition of political tight-rope work. More than



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Announcement

MEETINGS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

Notices of meetings, political, suffrage, patriotic, lodge, society, club or church meetings and services, concerts, socials, etc., inserted under special headings of "Meetings" on classified pages at one cent per word per insertion: As reading matter under heading of "Announcements" on news pages at three cents per word, per insertion.

UNFOUNDED ATTACKS.

Yesterday The Times pointed out that no reform movement, no matter how commendable in itself, can be successfully promoted by intemperate and extravagant utterances on the part of its advocates. To-day we have occasion to lay special emphasis on that point in the light of the proceedings at a meeting of the Prohibition Movement last night. That gathering was characterized by a veritable catalogue of calumny and misrepresentation. The press of the province was charged with being corrupt, "many of our publishers" were declared to be "infamous characters." Indeed, the whole vocabulary of invective and vituperation was ransacked for appropriate ammunition with which to bombard newspaperdom in the country. Then with curious inconsistency came a resolution empowering the executive committee of the People's Prohibition Movement to urge these "infamous," "corrupt," "vile," "debased," "degraded," "traitorous" and thoroughly degenerate institutions to publish "full and accurate reports of the activities of the People's Prohibition Movement."

Brethren, let us reason together for a moment. The Prohibition cause does not need such bizarre and vulgar embroidery. If it did it would be a hoary old fraud were it backed by all the churches in Christendom. There are just as worthy, upright and God-fearing citizens outside of the prohibition movement as there are in it. Nearly half the electorate of the province was against it. Why, then, should newspaper publishers and editors be "infamous characters" and a lot of other nasty things because they opened their news and advertising columns to both sides without partiality? The press of British Columbia has been extremely generous in its treatment of the activities of the Prohibition Movement; indeed, it could not be more so, having regard to the exigencies of space, the news value of the matter and the just demands of its readers, which as far as The Times is concerned, have determined its policy in this respect in the past, and will determine it in the future. We observe that the resolution urges the committee to use every "lawful" means to enforce its request. Why "lawful"? Did somebody advocate "unlawful" means? Was there anybody present sufficiently unstrung to advocate blackmail or some other form of intimidation? That would be "infamous" indeed. We thought that only publishers and editors belonged to such a disreputable category!

Just one more comment, suggested by the purple adjectives of a reverend gentleman from Vancouver. Slander from the pulpit, no matter in what rhetorical form it may masquerade, is as much a crime against common morality as slander in a bar-room decorated with profanity. It is as great a wrong to brand as "infamous" any respectable element of society which does not see eye to eye with one as it is to forge a cheque or hold up a train. The distinctions that are made between these wrongs by the law are only artificial and often

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, March 30, 1892.

Hon. D. W. Higgins, one of the fisheries commissioners, has forwarded a minority report to Ottawa in respect to the evidence taken before the commission.

All the salmon canners of California, British Columbia, and Alaska, have entered into an agreement which stipulates that they will this year put up but half a pack. The idea originated among the proprietors of the Alaska canneries, and was submitted to the B. C. canners, who after discussing the matter, finally decided to co-operate, and yesterday the last signatures were placed on the agreement.

The Department of Public Works, Ottawa, advertises for tenders for the construction of a drift shed in this city.

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National Service.—To-morrow sees the close of the period during which National Service Cards will be received by the postal authorities. Cards which are mailed on the 31st, whether they reach the authorities by the last of the month or not, will also be accepted.

Theosophical Lectures.—J. W. Rogers will speak at the board room, Belmont House, April 1, 2, and 3, 8 p.m. His subjects are "More About Reincarnation," "Dreams and Premonitions" and "The Laws of Destiny." Collection.

Timber Sales.—The Minister of Lands is calling for tenders for the purchase of Timber License X909, under which there may be cut 3,136,000 feet of hemlock, cedar and spruce and 1,500 lineal feet of piling on Juakata Inlet, Graham Island, and Timber License X911, under which may be cut 900,000 feet of hemlock, cedar and spruce and 16,000 lineal feet of piling on an adjoining location.

Saturday Concert.—Through the courtesy of Commander Rose, a group of men of H. M. C. S. Rainbow will give the regular Saturday night entertainment at the Oak Bay Theatre this week. As sailors' concerts are always popular and the men of the Rainbow are particularly well-known in Victoria this bids to be one of the best patronized of the winter series of Red Cross shows. The programme has not yet been announced, but it is said to be a varied one and replete with original humor.

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Louis Graveure, the baritone conjuror of happiness, sings the exquisite "Kentucky Babe" lullaby and "Since You Went Away" (Record A3939).

There are two extra clever dance hits—two out of twelve—that you must hear—"Keep Your Eye on the Girlie You Love" and "There's Just a Little Bit of Monkey Still Left in You and Me."

Olga Petrova, the sensational screen star, provides some unique recitations. De Diaghileff's Russian Ballet—the Trio de Lutèce—Lucy Oates, soprano—"Flora Bella" and "Miss Springtime" musical comedy hits—the Columbia Stellar Quartet—and the famous Taylor Trio, are just a few more of the galaxy of April Columbia successes.

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Prohibitionists Elect Officers.—At yesterday afternoon's session of the Prohibition Convention, the following officers were elected to represent the People's Prohibition Association for the ensuing year: Jonathan Rogers was re-elected president of the organization. Other officers were: First vice-president, J. W. Spencer, Victoria; second vice-president, Dr. R. Telford, Vancouver; third vice-president, G. Roy Long, Lay, Vancouver; treasurer, W. H. Leckie, W. H. Walkin, Jonathan Rogers, the Rev. A. E. Cooke, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Fitch, Mrs. J. O. Perry, Dr. John McKay, J. D. Kearns, Dr. Robert Telford, W. C. Findlay, J. Nelson, Dr. J. S. Henderson, Dr. J. E. Gillespie, G. Roy Long, the Rev. J. G. Brown, C. E. Campbell, William Savage, R. M. Miller and G. F. Gibson; Kootenay, Mayor J. E. Annable, of Nelson; Revelstoke,

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Clearing House.—The total bank clearings in Victoria for the week ending March 29, amounted to \$1,420,490.

Entertained Old Men.—On Wednesday evening the inmates of the Home for Aged Men were entertained by the Young People's Society of the Congregational Church. A splendid musical programme was given, the following artists assisting: The Misses Scowcroft, Hadfield and Hole, vocal solos; Miss Hughes, readings; Mr. Hill, musical sketches; Mr. Daniels, violin selections; Miss W. Scowcroft, accompanist. Light refreshments consisting of cake, sandwiches, coffee, etc., were served at the conclusion of the evening, and before they left the entertainers were accorded a very hearty expression of thanks. "God Save the King" brought the proceedings to a close.

Camosun Chapter Meeting.—The regular monthly meeting of Camosun Chapter, I. O. O. F., was held on Wednesday afternoon in the I. O. O. F. rooms. Mrs. Henry Croft presided in the absence of the regent. Mrs. Lexington, on behalf of the chapter, presented Mrs. Croft with a certificate of life-membership to the chapter. I. O. O. F. bar-pins were presented to a number of members who were unable to be present at the annual meeting. Five new members were elected. Mrs. Cook reported from the Women's Council. Mrs. Pigott from the prisoners-of-war committee. Miss Fell reported that cash donations and 57 pairs of socks had been sent to the Wool Fund during the previous month. Mrs. Hasell, Echoes secretary, reported that there was nothing of importance this month owing to the annual meetings, but she would be glad to receive contributions to Echoes from individual members. It was decided to present a flag to Camosun Company of the Girl Guides. The chapter proposes holding a birthday shower in honor of Queen Mary on May 12. The shower, which will take place at the Alexandra Club, would comprise garments to be sent to the Queen Mary Needlework Guild. It was announced that in future the monthly meetings of the chapter would be held on the second Wednesday.

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Gong Soups, all kinds, 6 for 25¢
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Seeded Raisins, 3 pkts. 27¢
Tea Garden Jellies, Reg. 20¢ for 15¢
Colgate's Dental Cream, Reg. 25¢ for 19¢
Colgate's All-Round Soap, Reg. 20¢ 2 for 25¢
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

A. E. Warren, of Winnipeg, has arrived at the Empress Hotel.

H. H. Hanlon, of Seattle, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

Frank H. Power, of Toronto, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

C. E. Dillon, of Toronto, is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

Edward Williams, of Phoenix, B. C., is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Capt. W. H. Pipes, of Vancouver, is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. H. K. Milliken, of Edmonton, B. C., is a guest of the Dominion Hotel.

E. L. Sanders and Mrs. Sanders, of Seattle, are at the Dominion.

D. R. Conning, of San Francisco, is stopping at the Dominion.

Jno. E. Cooney, of Lumsden, Alta., registered at the Dominion Hotel yesterday.

J. Eastwood, of Race Rocks, is at the Dominion.

W. K. Symes, of Sidney, is at the Dominion.

Mrs. J. McMillan, of Nanaimo, and Mrs. E. Thomson, of Ladysmith, are at the Dominion.

Joseph J. Lynch, of Cranberry Lake, B. C., is a new arrival at the Dominion Hotel.

Leslie Grossmith and Mrs. Grossmith, of Seattle, are registered at the Dominion Hotel.

Norman McLeod and Mrs. McLeod, of Vancouver, are stopping at the Dominion.

B. Francisco, Mrs. Francisco and Mrs. Taft, of Manila, are guests of the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. C. G. Smith and Mrs. V. G. Smith are down from Chemainus and are staying at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mrs. (Dr.) H. J. Hassard, and James R. Hassard, of Portage la Prairie, are guests at the Empress Hotel.

J. W. McIntosh, and A. V. Halladay, of New Westminster, are amongst yesterday's registrations at the Dominion Hotel.

W. J. Sippell, W. E. Pincher, A. G. Henney, J. A. McCallum and J. A. Crann are among the Vancouver registrations at the Strathcona Hotel.

Among the visitors to the city this week is John P. Langan, of Vancouver, one of the pioneers of the "votes for women" movement. He has been attending the Prohibition Convention and expressed his views on the influence of women's votes.

The marriage was celebrated on Wednesday by Rev. W. E. Cockshott in St. Paul's Church, Nanaimo, of John Edward Ellis, of Victoria, and Edith Marshall, of Extension. Both the contracting parties are natives of North-west, and in consequence quite a contingent of their friends in that district witnessed the ceremony. Miss Lily Marshall, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. William Ellis gave the bride away. John Wood, of this city, acted as best man, while Albert Ferrero performed the duties of usher. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis will reside in this city, the bridegroom being a partner in the Collender Cigar and News Stand.

ROYAL VICTORIA.

"The Eye of the Night," starring Marjory Wilson and William H. Thompson, which is the feature film at the Royal Victoria again to-night, is a story of a lighthouse keeper very similar in character to the lighthouse keeper in "Shore Acres." It is a humanizing role, well impersonated in this case by William H. Thompson. It also brings strongly to the front an accomplished young emotional actress in Marjory Wilson, who makes a very strong impression from the outset. It is acting, to be sure, acting - of the Italian school, but it eminently suits screen purposes. A very laughable comedy, "Madcap Ambrose," makes up

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RED CROSS WORK

Victoria West Red Cross Society has developed in the two months since its organization into a very efficient organization for the manufacture of Red Cross supplies. At the regular monthly meeting just held the treasurer reported net receipts totalling \$44.40 in addition to which Mrs. C. A. Wilson took out a life-membership which supplemented the amount to the extent of \$25.

Pupils at the High School are arranging for a concert to be held in the near future for the benefit of the branch. New members added recently are Mesdames O'Kell, Ennor, E. J. Shenk, D. McRae, Cully and Miss Frame. The branch is grateful to Mesdames Sweeney Bros. for the use of the room, also to the B. C. Electric for two months' light. Mrs. Langford has given a linen embroidered tea-cloth, \$25.52, to be raffled. A telephone (No. 4198R) has been installed in the room. It has been arranged that collection boxes be placed in all the various stores of the district. Capt. Gidley has kindly given two lots close to Alberni to be raffled in aid of the branch funds, tickets being procurable at 25 cents each. The property is clear of encumbrances, and a great chance for anyone who wants a country-home. A. C. Martin, of Lampson Street, has very kindly offered his services for cartage of Red Cross supplies to and from the city headquarters' branch. The following is a list of work finished and sent out during the past two weeks:

Twenty-one pyjamas, 26 prs. machine-made socks, 53 prs. hand-knit socks, 12 triangle bandages, 12 chest bandages, 64 abdominal bandages, 7 scarves, 6 hot-water bottle covers, 2 prs. wristlets, 3 bed-slippers, 31 day shirts.

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The Victoria Branch of the Red

Cross Society has just received a shipment of beautifully-made pyjamas from the Women's Patriotic Service League of Dawson, Yukon Territory. There are a number of women's patriotic organizations in Dawson who have been doing a great deal of work for the Red Cross and other great causes, and on several occasions they have sent part of their product to Victoria.

On inquiry it has been ascertained that the Women's Patriotic Service League of Dawson was organized in September, 1914, for relief work for the Belgian sufferers. Money and clothing collected amounted to \$1,311. Later they branched into Red Cross work, and have kept up supplies for this work by donations of money and member's fee of \$1 a year.

During the last year they have sent the following articles: Four doz. suits of underwear, 37 night shirts, 22 day shirts, 60 suits of pyjamas, 17 prs. of socks. Also the following sums of money: Belgian relief, \$280; Serbian relief, \$50; Polish relief, \$2.35; Canadian Red Cross, \$5; British Red Cross, \$100; handkerchiefs for Yukon soldiers, \$73.

MRS. DeB. FARRIS SPEAKS

Addresses Women's Liberal Association at Nanaimo and Laude Premier Brewster.

Mrs. de B. Farris, of Vancouver, wife of Mr. J. W. de B. Farris, member for Vancouver in the Provincial Legislature, addressed a meeting Wednesday night of the Women's Liberal Association, the meeting being largely attended.

The speaker congratulated the Nanaimo ladies on their successful organization and referred at length to the relation of women to the Liberal party. She emphasized the need of

education and organization and urged the association to work along lines that would fit the members for affiliation with the men's association. She advised against any effort in favor of a woman's association, claiming the home was the foundation of the state and that the government of the Province was only home-making on a large scale.

In conclusion Mrs. de B. Farris congratulated the Liberal party on having as leader and premier a man with a vision who was capable of seeing the possibilities of the Province and who had an abiding faith and high ideals.



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FORT GEORGE ELECTION GOES TO COMMISSION

House Passes Resolution; Mr. Bowser Will Renew His Opposition to Inquiry

Legislative Press Gallery,
March 29.

It was curious this afternoon, as it is every time he touches on the topic, to hear the Leader of the Opposition bemoan the position of the small opposition, and rail at what he calls the brute majority of the Government supporters.

The anomaly presented between the Bowser of this year and that of some years past was made more striking this afternoon when he declared that the proper place for the investigation of charges of corruption in connection with any election was the courts. A year ago no place would do for an investigation but a committee of the House, but now when the new Legislature proposes that the charges in relation to the election of his late colleague in Fort George district should go to a royal commission for hearing he changes his attitude.

Mr. Bowser first tried to strangle the motion by raising a point of order that the petition of John McInnes, who is immediately injured by the election of W. R. Ross, as being the defeated candidate, had not been presented within the proper time and therefore was out of order. When this was not successful he voted against investigation, and he is now on record as purposing to raise his point of order again before the royal commission which will be appointed to deal with the allegations of the petition.

The motion before the House was that of the Provincial Secretary, Hon. J. D. MacLean, as follows: "That an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying His Honor to be pleased to direct an inquiry into the allegations contained in the petition of John McInnes, of Prince George, British Columbia."

The Speaker's Ruling.
Mr. Speaker Weart read his ruling on the point of order raised by Mr. Bowser, this being as follows: "I am asked to make a ruling upon a point raised by the Honorable the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Bowser), who has drawn my attention to the fact that, as the petition of John McInnes et al was received by the Deputy Provincial Secretary on the 25th day of February, instant, it is not properly before the House, as not complying with provisions of section 237, Provincial Elections Act, chapter 72, 1911, and the motion cited is not in order."

"The right of petition to the Crown and Parliament for redress of grievances is accepted as a fundamental principle of the Constitution and has been uninterrupted exercised from very early times."

"Where there have been special reports concerning bribery, or riots at elections, and the misconduct of Returning Officers; undue influence or spiritual intimidation; the alteration of the poll; the absence, misconduct, or perjury of witnesses; defects or uncertainty in the law; the propriety of suspending the writ, or any other exceptional circumstances, the House has taken such measures as were assumed by law or usage or as appeared suitable to the occasion. (May 11, 1892.) An effective mode of investigating corrupt practices at elections was established by the Corrupt Practices Act, 1883 (Imperial), and also by 15 and 16 Victoria, chapter 87 (Imperial), which provided for the appointment of Royal Commissioners of Inquiry, and in 1899 commissioners were appointed by statute to inquire into corrupt practices reported."

"A person may, at an election, be disqualified for being elected by reason of corrupt practices committed at an election previous thereto. So, also, a person not disqualified before an election may, during the election, become

disqualified by reason of corrupt practices being committed at such election; but the latter disqualification can only arise ex post facto upon investigation into such election. This disqualification always exists at common law, and the statutory provisions to which reference will be made are intended only to give fuller effect to the common law of Parliament."

"Section 237 of the Provincial Elections Act, chapter 72, 1911, reads as follows: 'If upon a petition to the Legislative Assembly presented to the Deputy Provincial Secretary within twenty-one days after the return of a member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for any electoral district, or within fourteen days after the meeting of the Legislative Assembly, and signed by two or more electors of such district, and alleging that corrupt practices have extensively prevailed at the then last election for such district, or that there is reason to believe that corrupt practices have there so prevailed, or if upon the judge making a report to that effect to the Legislative Assembly, a committee of the House, or an address be presented by the Legislative Assembly to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that such allegation may be inquired into, the Lieutenant-Governor may appoint Commissioners to inquire into the same.'

"The Legislature, by enacting section 237, apparently did so with the view of following English enactments, and to give a further right to the subject to seek redress, and placed a time limit within which that right could be exercised. And it would appear that the aforesaid section was enacted with the express purpose of meeting the apparent existing condition. The point raised is as to time."

The Petition.
"The petition in question was presented to the Deputy Provincial Secretary with a letter in the following words:

"Prince George, B. C.,
"February 22, 1917.
"The Deputy Provincial Secretary,
Victoria, B. C.

"Dear Sir—Enclosed find petition to be presented to the Legislature as per section 237 of the Provincial Elections Act."

"A number of statutory declarations dealing with this matter are now in the hands of the Attorney-General; these I wish attached to the petition."

"Yours respectfully,
"(Signed.) JOHN MINNES."

"That letter specifically states that the petition is being presented in pursuance of said section 237, and the date of the receipt of that petition would appear to be February 28, as appears by the stamp on the face thereof, and is clearly not within twenty-one days after the return of the member to serve in the Legislative Assembly for the electoral district; but the receipt of it is clearly one day before the opening of the present Parliament."

"The transmission of this petition by mail from Fort George to be presented in pursuance of the said section 237, I am inclined to think, places the onus upon the Deputy Provincial Secretary to see that the presentation comes within the meaning of the statute, and from the date of its receipt it would be a continuous presentation, and clearly within the fourteen days after the meeting of the Legislative Assembly, as that fourteenth day is the time limit in which this petition could be received."

"The section of the act is not specific in stating that the petition is to be accepted by the House, but, on the contrary, it contains a specific direction to present it to the Deputy Provincial Secretary to cause an address to be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor, praying that such allegations contained in the petition may be inquired into, etc. The petition was tabled in order that the members might peruse it and (from the facts therein stated, such facts being supported by any other evidence that might be adduced) determine as to the wisdom of supporting said motion or otherwise."

"The Legislature was called to meet on February 22, the date of the petitioner's letter. At page 417 of the Gazette, the members elected to serve were relieved from attending at that date and were called to meet on March 1. If a doubt exists, should not the subject receive the benefit of that doubt?"

"I am of the opinion that the petition in question has been properly presented and comes within the provision of section 237 of said act, and that the motion is in order, and so I adjudge."

Brute Majority.

The Leader of the Opposition contended, in speaking to the motion, that whether any member came into the House honestly or by the over-zeal of some of his province was not a matter for the Legislature nor for a royal commission but for the courts. The petitioner could have appealed to the courts but did not see fit to do so, and it was now sought, by the misuse of power given by a brute majority, to place the seat of the hon. member for Fort George in jeopardy and perhaps disfranchise him personally. It might be said that in the Vancouver case last year a committee was appointed but the case there was entirely different, as there was no attempt to affect the present Attorney-General personally."

Vancouver Case.
There was a roar of derisive laughter from the Liberal benches at this statement.

"You did not wait for a petition in that case," remarked Hon. Mr. Bowser.

Mr. Bowser repeated that the point of the hon. gentleman was not being dealt with there, nor was the hon. gentleman personally affected.

"You were dealing with the general election following; that was your object," Hon. Mr. Macdonald observed.

"The electors were deceived in the general election," said Mr. Bowser, his statement being met with cheers of derision, "but they got over it to some extent by the by-election and when the next general election comes round they will be entirely undeceived."

The Premier asked if he understood that the Leader of the Opposition would not have had an inquiry if that

session had been the first of a new parliament.

"I would have had an investigation, in any case," Mr. Bowser replied, "because that was the most nefarious scandal ever perpetrated on the people of B. C."

"Hear, hear," said the Premier, the Attorney-General and several other Liberal members.

Mr. Bowser went on to make what was virtually a piece of special pleading that because Mr. Ross had a long public career, because he had been a Minister of the Crown and because the Opposition was a small one there should be no inquiry into any allegations of corrupt practices in his election.

Perfectly Harmless.

G. G. McGeer (Richmond) made a humorous protest against the repeated use by the Leader of the Opposition of the phrases "brute majority" and "brute force" as applied to the Government side of the House.

"As applied I think it is perfectly harmless," Mr. Speaker Weart remarked.

Mr. Bowser said he had learned the phrase when sitting on the Government side. He intimated that he was going to vote against this motion, and that he intended to renew his point of order before whatever tribunal was appointed, that they could not hear the case. The honorable gentleman appeared to anticipate an adverse verdict, hinted at political motives and intimated that the reference of the Fort George case was intended as a red herring to offset the Vancouver case.

Mr. McGeer wanted to know if the honorable gentleman concluded that the commission was going to be against the member for Fort George.

Block Investigation.

The Attorney-General remarked that it was abundantly clear that the Leader of the Opposition did not want any investigation at all, by his attitude in endeavoring to block this resolution on a point or order against it and his threat to renew his point of order before the royal commission. If the Leader of the Opposition wanted to suggest the name of a judge as royal commissioner or make any suggestion to effectually prevent any political bias the Government would accept these. The opposition could ill afford to oppose this motion unless it desired to go on record as of opinion that allegations of this sort should not be investigated.

A Division.

When the motion was put the Opposition seemed very uncertain as to whether it wanted a division or not, but after a little hesitation the necessary number of members on that side called for one. Mr. Ross, of course, left the chamber before the vote was taken. The motion was adopted on the following division:

Yeas—Bell, Fisher, Macdonald, K. C., Mobley, Jackson, Wilson, Nelson, Cowper, Macdonald, M. A., Brewster, Oliver, King, Keen, Hart, Sutherland, Manson, Thompson, MacLean, Pattullo, Sloan, Whiteside, Walters, McGeer, Marrow, Pauline, McIntosh, Hall—27.
Nays—Pooley, Schofield, Jones, McDonald, A., Bowser, Shatford, Rose—7.

ASSESSMENT WORK

Minister of Mines Has Order-in-Council Passed to Protect Soldiers.

Legislative Press Gallery,
March 29.

For the further protection of the rights of men who are on active service, and therefore prevented from performing the assessment work on claims held under the Mineral Act or the Placer Mining Act, an order-in-council has just been passed by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the Minister of Mines. This is as follows:

"The Gold Commissioners and Mining Records be instructed to ascertain from the record the proportionate share in any mineral claims held under the Mineral Act of any co-owner or co-owners, not being members of the Allied Forces, and to accept and record affidavits of work for a similar proportionate amount of assessment work on such mineral claims; and to accept from a co-owner or co-owners, not a member of the Allied Forces, a proportionate amount of annual rental, and require a similar proportionate amount of annual development on any placer-mining leases held under the Placer Mining Act."

"And in all cases a full record fee shall be paid for recording a proportionate amount of annual assessment work on a mineral claim."

NEW COMPANIES

Business Changes Announced in the Provincial Gazette This Week.

The B. C. Gazette this week announces the chartering of the following companies:
British-American Investment Agency, capital \$10,000, Vancouver; Business Development Company, Ltd., capital \$10,000, Vancouver; Drury Logging Company, capital \$50,000, Vancouver; Red Cedar Produce, Ltd., capital \$10,000, Vancouver; Sisters of St. Joseph, Prince Rupert (Benevolent Societies Act); Teahum River Lumber Company, Ltd., capital \$10,000, Courtenay.

Silver Crown Mining Company, Ltd., Spokane, is registered as an extra-provincial company, with J. S. Lamphere, Trout Lake, as its attorney.

Western Life Assurance Company has been licensed to transact business in the Province, Horace R. King, Vancouver, being attorney for it.

Canadian Products, Ltd., is seeking for a change of name to Dominion Products, Ltd.

Howe Sound Gravel Company, Ltd., is being wound up voluntarily.

Robert O. Lamb, Frank W. Jeeves and J. A. Jeeves, carrying on business in this city as draymen, under the style of Jeeves Bros. & Lamb, have dissolved partnership. James A. McNiff and George H. Meagher have dissolved partnership in the Hotel Arlington, Alberni, which Mr. McNiff will carry on alone hereafter.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE AND OTHER BILLS

Several Measures Are Debated in the House; Members Express Views Freely

Legislative Press Gallery,
March 29.

Considerable progress was made with Government legislation this afternoon, half a dozen bills being advanced in some degree. There is very general debate taking place on most of the measures which come before the House, the members on the Government side, expressing their views very freely and advancing suggestions for possible improvement. This is what the Government invites.

Equal Suffrage.

The Attorney-General moving the second reading of the bill amending the Provincial Elections Act, stated its object was to extend the franchise to women and to do so at once. It was true an Act had been passed last session, but this had been tied up to a referendum and as a result it was very doubtful whether this could be proclaimed before the Legislature reconvened. It seemed desirable to the Government to introduce this bill now, so that without any further delay the franchise might be extended and women enabled to go on the voters' list at once. There were pending three by-elections for the Legislature and there was a possibility of a Dominion election this year. One reason for the introduction of the bill now was that women might be placed in the position of being able to secure registration before the May revision and thus be able to exercise their franchise at the Dominion election, which he believed the Federal Elections Act gave them the right to in its adoption of the provincial franchises as those qualifying for the Federal franchise.

Political Motives.

The Attorney-General observed that it was due to the Liberal party in any case to have the honor of introducing this legislation, since it had been a plank in the platform of the party for many years, whereas the Opposition had always opposed the reform and had, he was certain, passed the Act of last year solely for political motives. There was a large, a preponderant, majority of the vote cast on the referendum, both civilian and soldier, in favor of the bill, and the world over there was an increasing sentiment that women should exercise the franchise on equal terms with men.

The Leader of the Opposition moved the adjournment of the debate.

Water Act.

J. W. Jones (Okanagan South) resumed the debate on the second reading of the Water Act amendments. He announced that he would at any time support government ownership of public utilities such as water systems. There were four classes to be considered—stock-holders in irrigation companies, bond-holders of these companies, water-users and those investors who had lent money on lands. There are some two and one-half million dollars invested in these systems, Mr. Jones said. He thought that the bill was too drastic in superseding the rights of bond-holders and it would place an additional burden on the back of the settlers who, in these hard times could not have bricks piled on their backs in this way.

Question of Cost.

Hon. Mr. Pattullo asked who was to bear the cost of supplying users with water; it must be those benefited and not the Province at large.

Mr. Jones replied that the only solution of the difficulties in the dry belt was government ownership of irrigation systems, and if this bill could not be brought down this year it should be introduced not later than next session.

Dr. Macdonald (Okanagan North) moved the adjournment of the debate.

Brands Act.

The Minister of Agriculture moved the second reading of his bill to revise the Brands Act, so as to make more effective the provisions against thefts of cattle and horses. He explained that he was not satisfied that some of the sections would work out as they were intended to do by the Department, but the House would have every opportunity to discuss it.

F. W. Anderson (Kamloops) moved the adjournment of the debate.

Mining Measures.

The bill amending the Coal and Petroleum Act was read a third time and passed.

Some progress was made in committee on the bill respecting the Dolly Varden Mines Railway, Dr. J. W. McIntosh (Vancouver) in the chair, and some amendments were offered. The section permitting the company to take timber for construction from Crown lands free was held over at the request of the Minister of Railways, who observed that the time had come when parliament should consider whether railways should be allowed to take timber free from public lands.

Vancouver Charter.

M. B. Jackson (Islands), chairman of the Private Bills Committee, reported that in pursuance of the instructions of the House it had divided the Vancouver charter amending bill, placing the section dealing with the payment of the school board inquiry in a separate bill, which was now reported with its preamble found proven. The committee found that the rules had not been complied with, inasmuch as this section had not been given notice. However, as the matter had been discussed in the City Council, referred to in the public press and the committee had now heard all parties, the committee recommended that this be not insisted upon.

As the suspension of the rules in order to move the recitation of this report at the same sitting required

unanimous consent the honorable gentleman will have to give notice, Mr. Bowser objecting.

Hugh Stewart (Comox) gives notice of questions about the experimental plots under the control of the Government, and he also wants to know the results of any experiments made with the growing of alfalfa on Vancouver Island.

G. G. McGeer (Richmond) is leading up to the proposed dental legislation by questions dealing with the examinations held by the College of Dental Surgeons since 1914.

Prayers were read to-day by Rev. H. T. Archbold.

OVERWORKED MINISTER

Tells How Vinol Restored Strength and Vitality

Victoria people will realize that we could not publish such letters as the following if they were not genuine and truthful statements of facts. The Rev. Mr. Hughes, Holly Springs, Ark., says:

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EGG MARKS ACT

Bill to Make Measure More Workable Introduced by Minister of Agriculture.

The Minister of Agriculture yesterday introduced a bill to amend the Egg Marks Act, the object of which is to enable the powers of inspection

under the Act to be performed by the provincial police, any municipal police or any health officer, as well as by any inspector appointed by the Minister of Agriculture to carry out the aim of the Act. During the year or less that the Act has been in force the duties of carrying it out have been entirely in the hands of departmental officers, and it has been found that this has rendered it less effective than it ought to be.

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DUTCH COMPANY WILL OPERATE ON PACIFIC

Netherlands-Rotterdam-Lloyd
Bringing Out Six Modern
Passenger Liners

San Francisco, March 29.—Details of the new passenger service to be started by the Dutch East India line are announced by the Netherlands-Rotterdam-Lloyd. Six modern liners, formerly in the Amsterdam-Batavia service, will be put on the San Francisco run. They will operate in conjunction with the Java-Pacific Line service, and will arrive and depart here fortnightly. The ships are of 10,000 tons, with accommodations for 500 passengers each. The first steamer to depart from here under the new schedule will be the Rembrandt in May.

"PACIFIC PORTS"

Handy-Commercial and Transportation
Guide issued by Frank Waterhouse & Co.

Under the pennant of Frank Waterhouse & Co., the well-known Puget Sound shipping firm, the third edition of "Pacific Ports," has been issued and the work, which is a transportation guide and marine annual of the Pacific Ocean, containing full information for importers and exporters, will be welcomed by the shipping interests. Considerable space is devoted to information about the port of Victoria, its harbor works, steamship lines, shipbuilding, docks, pilotage and port dues, and various other matters of a commercial character. It is a handy compilation for marine men, taking in, as it does, all ports of any note on the Pacific ocean.

The book was edited by Welford Beaton.

STEAMSHIP GOVERNOR ON SOUTHBOUND TRIP

Travel is now at its lowest ebb between this port and California. About twenty passengers will embark on the liner Governor at the Outer Docks this afternoon when the Pacific Steamship Company's vessel arrives from Seattle en route to San Francisco, San Pedro and San Diego. The local passengers include: Mrs. Chas. A. Ellis, Mrs. P. Ellis, Miss M. Ellis, Mrs. Z. Randy, Miss C. M. E. Perkins, J. M. McCullough, H. A. Aronson, H. W. R. Perkins, Mrs. M. Brinkley, Mrs. W. E. Brinkley, F. H. Beck, F. H. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Turner and Miss E. Turner. The liner President will arrive here on Monday afternoon from the South with a full list of passengers for Victoria and Seattle.

BARQUE GUAYTECAS IS BOUND FOR ANTOFAGASTA

The Chilean barque Guaytecas, which was here last month discharging a cargo of nitrates, proceeded to sea from Puget Sound yesterday evening in tow of the tug Tye. The vessel was delayed on the Sound since last Sunday, not being able to secure a crew. She carries a cargo of lumber from Bellingham for Antofagasta.

HERE FOR SAIL TRIAL

Manager of Owing Company Completing Arrangements for Schooner's Initial Spin.

H. W. Brown, manager of the Canada West Coast Navigation Company, is in the city to-day in connection with the sail trials of the auxiliary schooner Margaret Haney. The vessel may wing along under full canvas to-morrow, but definite arrangements have not been completed. The vessel's auxiliary engines were turned over yesterday and were declared satisfactory.

HAROLD DOLLAR SAILS.

The steamer Harold Dollar passed out from Vancouver late yesterday afternoon bound for Vladivostok with a full cargo.

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GISHUN MARU THOUGHT TO HAVE FOUNDERED

Japanese Freighter Now Over
Sixty Days Out From
Seattle to Orient

The Japanese steamer Gishun Maru is reported to have been given up as lost, it being believed that she must have foundered during the heavy gales which swept the North Pacific during the month of January. The Gishun Maru sailed from Seattle on December 30 and she is now over sixty days out and has not been spoken. She was under charter to Frank Waterhouse & Co., of Seattle, and carried a cargo valued at millions of dollars.

The Gishun is the third vessel to be lost at sea in the Pacific within the last two years, the others being the Rio Pacific and the Seiko Maru, which left this coast for the Orient last fall and have not been heard from since. The average trans-Pacific passage for a steamer of the class as the Gishun is twenty days, and, were she still aloft, the vessel must have been sighted in the well-patrolled lanes between this coast and the Far East.

The longest voyage on record for a steamer between this coast and Japan is held by the Japanese steamer Ide Maru, which recently arrived at Yokohama 75 days out. She ran into the teeth of the January gales and when in the vicinity of the 180th meridian was forced to put back to Honolulu to replenish her almost exhausted fuel supply. The Ide Maru duplicated this feat a year ago when she put into Honolulu in a disabled condition while bound for Vladivostok.

The Gishun Maru is a vessel of 3,413 net tons and was commanded by Capt. Masuda. She is well-known in these waters, having regularly bunkered at Vancouver Island coal ports.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Seattle, March 29.—Arrived: Str Humboldt, Southeastern Alaska; str Jefferson, Southeastern Alaska; bge William H. Smith, San Francisco, in tow of tug Sea Rover; str Shinbu Maru, Kobe, via Victoria, B.C.; str Asuncion, San Francisco; str P. S. Loop, San Francisco; str Admiral Dewey, Tacoma; str Governor, Tacoma; power schr Ruby, Everett; U. S. A. T. Dix, Puget Sound navy yard. Sailed: Str Northland, Southeastern Alaska ports; str Asuncion, San Francisco; str Lyman Stewart, Port San Luis; str Manila Maru, Tacoma.

Seward, March 29.—Sailed: Str Alameda, westbound; str Admiral Watson, westbound.

Yaldez, March 29.—Sailed: Str Alameda, westbound.

Juneau, March 29.—Sailed: Str City of Seattle, southbound.

Ketchikan, March 29.—Sailed: Str Northwestern, southbound; str Admiral Evans, northbound.

San Francisco, March 29.—Sailed: Str Admiral Schley, for Seattle; U. S. A. T. Sherman, for Bellingham.

Vancouver, B.C., March 29.—Sailed: Str Tallyhenny, for Seattle, via Nanaimo, B.C.

Bellingham, March 29.—Sailed: Str Shasta, for San Pedro.

Port Townsend, March 29.—Passed by: Str Jefferson, for Seattle, in tow of tug Sea Rover; str Humboldt, for Seattle. Passed out: Str Lyman Stewart.

Everett, March 29.—Sailed: Power schr Ruby, for Herenden Bay, via Seattle.

Tacoma, March 29.—Arrived: Str Manila Maru, from Seattle. Sailed: Str Admiral Dewey, for Seattle.

Aberdeen, March 29.—Sailed: Strs Fair Oaks and Multnomah, for San Pedro.

Raymond, March 29.—Sailed: Str Charles Christensen, for San Francisco.

Building Submarine Chasers on Sound

Washington, March 30.—North Pacific coast shipbuilders who received copies of the specifications for submarine chasers too late to get their bids here for opening on Saturday next may submit their bids at any time before 7 a. m. March 31, with full assurance that they will be given consideration the same as if presented here.

Puget Sound shipbuilders who want to build some of these craft for the navy received specifications only on Monday and Tuesday of this week and could not get their bids here in time. They protested by telegraph to Senator Poindexter, who this morning secured from the navy department the order permitting the reception of bids at Seattle.

ALASKA EXCURSIONS

Pacific Steamship Company Will Inaugurate Tourist Service June 4.

The Pacific Steamship Company announces that its excursion sailings to Southwestern Alaska will be inaugurated by the steamer Admiral Evans leaving Seattle on June 4. The Southwestern Alaska excursion sailings will be maintained by the steamers Spokane and City of Seattle, the former leaving Seattle June 13.

SCHOONER COMING ON.

The schooner Snow and Burgess, which recently arrived at San Francisco from Australia, sailed from the Golden Gate port yesterday morning for Chemainus to load lumber offshore.

DRAKE BRINGING FUEL.

The tanker Col. E. L. Drake left San Francisco at 11 a. m. yesterday with a cargo of fuel oil for Vancouver.

COMPANY LOOKS FOR BIG TOURIST TRAVEL

C. P. R. Official Says Trend of
Traffic Will Be to Alaska
and California

That the coming season will see a heavy tourist traffic throughout Canada and especially to the Pacific Coast, Alaska or California being the principal points of attraction, is the opinion of C. E. McPherson, assistant passenger traffic manager of C. P. R. western lines, who is now on the coast looking over the territory coming within his jurisdiction. Such traffic as will go north and south along the Pacific coast, declares Mr. McPherson, will go through Victoria and Vancouver one way or the other, and consequently both cities will greatly benefit by the anticipated flood of travel.

The C. P. R. recognized that the majority of the tourists coming from the United States, would wish to go over Canadian lines one way or the other, and the company did not mind whether it got the tourists as they were coming out or going home, so long as it did get them. It was generally recognized also, that Europe, as a touring ground, was still quite out of the question, and naturally people were turning their attention to their own continent, the result being that there were a huge number of inquiries about the points of interest along the C. P. R. route and the boat services on the Pacific Coast and also the Great Lakes.

With regard to the Alaskan trip, Mr. McPherson says many people are interested in the northern country from the fact that, although they might not have any individual interest there, the United States had greatly developed the country and the people wished to go and see the place for themselves. The company anticipates heavy travel in the direction of Alaska this summer and has arranged its services accordingly.

Special efforts will be made to induce passengers to break their journey by rail so as to take in the Great Lakes water trip, a welcome change of two days' duration, which will afford the tourist an opportunity to take in the beauties of Lake Superior and Lake Huron.

WIRELESS REPORTS

March 30, 8 a. m.

Point Grey—Clear; calm; 29.91; 35; thick seaward.

Cape Lazo—Cloudy; N. W. light; 29.94; 35; thick seaward. Spoke str Venture 8 a. m., off Cape Mudge 8.45 a. m.; northbound.

Pachena—Cloudy; S. 29.92; 37; sea moderate.

Estevan—Clear; calm; 29.70; 30; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.79; 29; sea smooth. Spoke str Northwestern 7 a. m. off Boat Harbor light, southbound; spoke tug Pioneer, towing barge St. James, abeam, 8 a. m., southbound.

Triangle—Snow; N. 29.99; 35; light swell. Spoke str Ketchikan, 8.55 p. m., north of Bella Bella, northbound; spoke str Princess Margaret, 2.10 a. m., Millbank Sound, northbound.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; N. W. light; 29.74; 29; sea smooth.

Ikedda Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.78; 32; sea smooth. Spoke str Norwood, 6.15 p. m., Chatham Sound.

Noon.

Point Grey—Clear; calm; 29.98; 45; sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Clear; N. W. light; 30.00; 38; sea smooth. Spoke str Princess Beatrice, 9.15 a. m., off Campbell River, northbound.

Pachena—Clear; W. 29.95; 41; sea moderate.

Estevan—Cloudy; calm; 29.78; 40; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Overcast; calm; 29.80; 32; sea smooth.

Triangle—Snow; W. light; 30.02; 36; light swell.

Dead Tree Point—Overcast; calm; 29.83; 37; sea smooth.

Ikedda Bay—Snow; calm; 29.62; 37; sea smooth.

Princess Rupert—Cloudy; calm; 29.90; 35; sea smooth. Spoke str Norwood, 8.20 a. m., left Ketchikan 6 a. m.

LAST TO SIGN CREWS

Whalers White and Green Expect to Get Away Early Next Week.

The whalers White and Green are the last of the fleet to sign on crews for the coming season's operations. These vessels are expected to get away for the hunting grounds at the beginning of the week. The other craft are distributed between the Kyugot, Rose Harbor and Naden Harbor stations. The Sechart station on the west coast of Vancouver Island will be ready for business within the next few days.

The whole fleet will be out at least a month earlier than last year.

NEWINGTON IN PORT.

The lighthouse tender Newington, Capt. H. Hilton, is in port to-day after recharging beacons in the Gulf of Georgia. She is under orders to transport machinery to Race Rocks to be stalled for the purpose of increasing the power of the diaphone located at that point.

WAIKAWA IS SPOKEN.

The British steamer Waikawa, of the Union Steamship Company, of New Zealand, put into San Francisco on Wednesday bound from Powell River to Australia. She carries a big shipment of British Columbia manufactured paper.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, 3 for 60c.

JAPANESE INFUX IS NOW IN FULL SWING

Another Large Party of Holiday-Makers Arriving Aboard
Liner Tamba Maru

Another large party of Japanese tourists bound for points in the United States will arrive here on April 5 aboard the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Tamba Maru, according to advices received from the Orient. The Tamba has over 200 passengers and a large percentage of them are sons of Nippon who have been taking a vacation in the homeland and are now returning to pursue their various occupations in the country of their adoption.

During the fall of the year hundreds of the Japanese residents of Canada and the United States migrate to Japan, the majority of them with the idea of choosing a wife and then settling down on their little holdings which they have worked hard to acquire during their sojourn on this continent. In the dim past the Japanese were satisfied with a "picture bride," but this system is rapidly being done away with as the selection of a life mate by photograph was not entirely satisfactory to the parties concerned. Accustomed to modern customs they now select a wife by returning home and wooing the lady of their choice. By the time the specially conducted tourist parties return their numbers are considerably augmented by fair belles of the Land of the Rising Sun.

The first Japanese party to reach the coast this season arrived on Wednesday by the O. S. K. liner Manila Maru, and they will continue to filter in by each succeeding liner. The Tamba Maru is bringing in 20 passengers and at least half this number is said to be Japanese accompanied by their newly-found brides. Yet another party is due on the O. S. K. liner Chicago Maru about the middle of next month.

Bound for ports in the Far East, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Yokohama Maru, Capt. Terada, is posted to leave Victoria late this afternoon with a full cabin list and capacity cargo.

INAUGURATE CAMPAIGN TO ENROLL MEMBERS

Island Automobile Association
Elects Officers for
Coming Year

That a vigorous and thorough campaign for the enrollment of members for the Island Automobile Association is to be undertaken in the immediate future, was the announcement which was made at last evening's meeting which was held in a committee room at the Empress Hotel.

The possibilities for such an organization, as the Automobile Association on Vancouver Island, are practically unlimited, and it is the intention of the executive to boost to the utmost of their ability a campaign to largely increase the existing membership. There are now over 2,000 car owners on the island, and it is the opinion of those who are in close touch with the work of the association that there should be no difficulty in bringing the enrollment of members to the 600 mark before the summer months are upon us. If the body is successful in realizing its ambition the season will be a very successful one for all concerned. It is planned to hold several excursions of an extensive nature and otherwise to generally promote a spirit of sociability among Association members throughout the district.

The membership fee is a nominal one, being but \$5 a year, the term extending for a full twelve months from the time that a motorist joins. At last evening's meeting George McGregor was elected president for the coming year, while Mayor Todd, who has been one of the moving figures of the organization since it was formed two years ago, was elected to the position of Honorary Past-President.

The vice-presidents elected at last night's meeting include: Messrs. W. A. Watson, James Hunter (Victoria); W. A. McAdam (Duncan); E. Pannell (Ladysmith); Powell Chandler (Parksville); A. E. Waterhouse (Port Alberni); and S. Hicks Beach (Courtenay). Mr. Thomas R. Cusack was re-elected treasurer, and Mr. C. L. Harris retains the secretaryship. Those named on the board of directors are: Carl J. W. Troup, Dr. W. J. Tomalin, and Messrs. Thos. Plimley, Gilbert G. Fraser, J. L. Beckwith, Jas. Adam, W. S. Terry, J. L. Fletcher, D. E. Campbell, W. H. Wilkerson, Caplin, R. W. Elliott, G. D. Christie, H. J. Holman, G. L. Warren, Geo. W. Lillie, A. E. Matheson, A. McDermott, C. H. French, Geo. Powell, I. M. Nodde, W. Mable, Mr. Hanbury and Messrs. Arthur Coles, Esquimalt; A. Brownlie, Oak Bay; L. Chamber Young, Nanaimo, B. C., and Cumberland; Chas. Thulin, Campbell River, and Harold Diggon, Saanich.

The executive committee of the Association numbers the entire board of governors. The Canadian Highway Committee is composed of Mayor A. E. Todd and Messrs. George McGregor, A. W. Watson, C. L. Harris and Thos. Cusack. Messrs. A. W. Watson, Gilbert Fraser and A. E. Matheson compose the finance committee, and Mr. D. E. Campbell, Capt. Troup and Messrs. James Hunter, James Adam, Thomas Plimley, W. H. Wilkerson and George Warren form the committee of entertainment. The Roads Committee is composed of Messrs. James Hunter, A. McDermott, C. H. French, G. D. Christie, Harold Diggon and Chester Young. The road signs will be under the direction of Messrs. A. W. Watson and W. H. Wilkerson.

Messrs. D. E. Campbell and J. L. Beckwith were appointed to represent the Association on the Executive of the Victoria and Island Development Association for the year.

A resolution was passed by the meeting calling the attention of the Government to the unsatisfactory condition of the Island Highway between the Craigflower Bridge and its junction with the Metchoin Road at Colwood. It was pointed out that the excellent base of this road will be completely ruined unless a new top surface is laid in the near future. This portion of the highway has been in a deplorable condition for some time past and in one of the very few stretches which mark the general system of roads of the Island.

ANNUAL DINNER OF ALPINE CLUB HELD

Mountain Views Substituted for Usual Speech-Making

The seventh annual dinner of the Vancouver Island section of the Alpine Club of Canada took place on Wednesday evening at the Brentwood Hotel. The function was presided over as usual by Director A. O. Wheeler, 50 members being present. A particularly pretty arrangement of wild lilies and Oregon grape formed the centre-piece of the table, the ladies responsible for this artistic setting being Mrs. A. O. Wheeler and Mrs. J. J. White, of Sidney, who made an excursion to a neighboring island to gather the flowers. The customary after-dinner speeches and musical programme were dispensed with this year, and in their stead were shown some very fine Alpine views, visitors at the hotel other than the Alpine Club members being invited into the hall at this point to share in the pleasures of the entertainment.

At the conclusion of the excellent repast prepared by the hotel management three toasts were proposed, "The King," "The Alpine Club" and "Absent Members" being responded to by the members silently standing and drinking to the honor of each.

In his annual address to the club Director Wheeler made special reference to Capt. Wedgewood, one of the club members, news of whose death in the service of the Empire had just a day or two ago been received. Capt. Wedgewood was an Englishman, but had been over in this country several times and had joined Canadian Alpine Club camps in the Rockies on more than one occasion. His death was a real loss to the club, but was the voluntary sacrifice of yet another patriot in defence of the principles for which the Allies were fighting. Announcement was also made that this year's camp will be at Cathedral Mountain, the site of the 1913 camp. An auxiliary camp will be at Lake O'Hara.

The beautiful Alpine pictures which were subsequently thrown on the screen were of views in the Canadian Rockies and the New Zealand Alps. The former were shown by Mr. Wheeler, F. R. G. S., the latter by Herbert O. Frind, F. R. G. S. Among Mr. Wheeler's pictures was one of Major W. W. Foster, president of the Vancouver Island section of the Club, and for the past two years on active service at the front. This was greeted with a demonstration of enthusiasm, their soldier-president being very popular not only with the local section but throughout the club membership. Another popular picture was that of Colonel C. H. Mitchell, of Toronto, the late Major Stanley Jones, of Calgary, who died of wounds received in battle, and Capt. Wedgewood, mention of whom is made above.

After the pictures a collection in aid of the Red Cross was taken up among the members and guests present, the sum of \$9 being realized. It was late in the evening when the gathering dispersed, Victoria and Sidney members returning to their homes by the last trains going in the respective directions.

CITY JANITORS

Victoria is Using Women Wherever Possible Steam Plants Require Certified Engineer.

The question of employing women janitors in the schools is being taken up in Vancouver, the Vancouver School Board having appointed two women on probation to the King Edward and Britannia High Schools respectively.

In Victoria it is necessary in some cases to appoint men where steam-heating plants are employed, as there must be certificated engineers. Women are engaged in one of the largest schools using a hot-air system and her work is of a most exemplary type. Women are also doing good work in

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PRINCE RUPERT AND ANTOX (Granby Bay), from Vancouver, every Wednesday at 11 p. m., calling at East Bella Bella, Butedale, etc.
OCEAN FALLS, from Vancouver, every Thursday at 11 p. m., calling at Powell River, Campbell River, Alert Bay, etc. (Surf Inlet fortnightly).
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EXPENDITURE BY-LAW READY FOR COUNCIL

Actual Amount Will Be \$1,724,743, Decrease of \$50,000 on 1916

The civic expenditure by-law is ready for introduction, and will be doubtless presented to City Council on Monday. The actual total for the year, after pruning and revision such as few estimates have received, is \$1,724,743.21, as compared with \$1,731,987.46, when the present Council received the tentative estimates from its predecessor.

The amount of difference seems small for so much work, but there have been several large and inevitable items added which swell the total. Last year's expenditure by-law was for \$1,775,925.36. The chief items of reduction have been \$25,000 for civic salaries and institutions, \$5,000 for board of health, \$50,000 on the works department, and some small sums on the waterworks department. Additions have been necessary to provide for the Workmen's Compensation levy, the amount owing for keep of prisoners at Wilkinson Road gaol, alterations at the market and stores departments, the former to enlarge, the latter to concentrate. A number of fire insurance policies, maturing this year alone involve an increase of \$2,000. As compared with twelve months ago, there is an appropriation of \$24,000, nearly \$12,000 advance on the city's share of local improvement, a number of items appearing for the first time this year.

The only department of the city where it is feared that it may be necessary to submit a supplementary estimate later is for the waterworks department, since it is feared there may be a shortage in the revenue owing to the decrease in rates last year.

TO SPEAK TO-MORROW

Hon. Arthur Meighen, Solicitor-General, Will Be Guest of Canadian Club.

Hon. Arthur Meighen, K.C., M.P., Solicitor-General for Canada, who is the speaker at the Canadian Club luncheon to-morrow at noon, is one of the ablest members of the Borden Government. He is an eloquent speaker, and wherever he has gone during his tour of the country has been well received.

He is fulfilling engagements in Vancouver to-day, and is also visiting the New Westminster Penitentiary on departmental business. It is understood that the subject of the address to-morrow will be the Government and the War. The speaker will be introduced by President John Cochrane. Tickets may be obtained at the usual places for the luncheon.

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SPORTING NEWS

BILLIARD MATCH IS AROUSING INTEREST

MacMillan Increases His Lead in Second Stage of Game

In the second stage of the 2,000-point billiard match being played in the city between MacMillan and Irish, the former player added slightly to the advantage which he had over his opponent in the previous part of the game. The score at the end of last night's session was: Irish (received 400), 1,065; MacMillan (in play), 1,001. Play started last night with the score at: Irish (received 400), 707; MacMillan, 501. MacMillan was in play with an unfinished break of 41, which he carried to 57 before breaking down, and at the next attempt he made 25. Owing to the fact that MacMillan was playing on his home table at the Empress it was thought that he would favor the spectators with some large breaks. Such however was not the case, as the game was exceedingly slow

during the first half. Irish was the first to indicate that he was going to do some good work. The expectations of the onlookers were shattered when he broke down after a run of 27. This was followed by two fair plays on the part of MacMillan in the first of which he made 37 and in the second 23. Later he failed at a red winning hazard when he made 35. From this on until the end of the first period each player was fairly even, both adding their score by slow degrees. In the next part of the game the play was distinctly faster. MacMillan was more in his usual form, and Irish, although never a fast player, was showing up very well. Several breaks of note were made by both of the contestants in this part of the game. MacMillan made 51 in one of these runs, although he lost the white ball when about half through the play. Irish was putting up a good game fight, although away behind on his points. His next showing was 49, his best of the evening. MacMillan has now scored 1,001 points to his opponent's 668, and the score for the match of 2,000 stands at 1,065 for Irish and 1,001 for MacMillan. The champion has therefore only a lead of 67 points to wipe off with 1,000 points still to be played, or 933, to be exact, by him or 932 by Irish for a win. The next stage of the match will be played at the Metropolitan billiard rooms at 8 o'clock next Tuesday evening.

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VICTORIA DOGS MAKE SHOWING AT SEATTLE

Judging of Entries is Still Under Way; Show a Great Success

Seattle, March 29.—The big annual bench show of the Seattle Kennel Club opened with a large attendance yesterday, when Judge William Coats, of Vancouver, B. C., started work in the ring with the largest entry of St. Bernards ever shown in Seattle. Many well-known fanciers from out of the city exchanged greetings. A large representation is down from British Columbia, including E. Wright Thorpe, J. J. Jackson, Norman McConnell, Wally Willgrass, A. Hicks, A. Hill, of Vancouver; Jack Wolfenden, of Victoria, and Percy Hickling, of Nanaimo. Bellingham visitors are Mr. and Mrs. William P. Anderson, Mrs. Nygren, Mrs. Ed Larson and Roland G. Gamwell.

Notable Winnings. The notable winnings of the afternoon were: St. Bernards—S. P. Cogswell's Philip getting best, and Ivor Alfredson's Queen of Hartford best of opposite sex.

In the Russian wolfhound breed, with a good entry, E. L. Yeomann's Yana of Tatiana took best, with R. D. White's Russia best of opposite sex.

The pointer class showed a large number of very fine dogs, and Judge Coats spent a good hour or more working with the popular hunting dogs. In the dogs, Mrs. C. E. Douglas's Judge-man took winners, and F. L. Wolfenden's Victoria Black and White reserve winners. Pointer bitches showed class, with F. L. Wolfenden's Victoria Girl taking winners, and J. W. Gelts, with Trilix taking reserve. Victoria Girl took "best pointer in the show," with Mrs. Douglas's Judge-man running her a close reserve.

Judging will be resumed this morning at 10 a.m., starting with the English setters and working through the classes.

The following are the prize winners in which Victorians figure:

Pointers.
Dogs—Novice, first, F. L. Wolfenden, Victoria Black and White; second, Mrs. C. E. Douglas, Judge-man Rip Rap.
American bred dogs—First, W. A. Millington, Buster; second, E. J. Fredell, Rif 2nd; third, E. E. Mose, Captain Bob. Limit—Under 55 pounds, first, E. J. Fredell, Rif 2nd; over 55 pounds, first, E. E. Mose, Captain Bob. Open—Under 55 pounds, first, E. J. Fredell, Rif 2nd; over 55 pounds, first, Mrs. C. E. Douglas, Judge-man; second, W. A. Millington; third, Mrs. Nygren.

Schooner. Winner—Mrs. C. E. Douglas, Judge-man. Reserve—F. L. Wolfenden, Victoria Black and White.

American bred—First, Dr. E. M. Adams, July IV. Limit bitches, over 50 pounds, first, J. W. Gelts; second, H. A. Kyer, Peggy Wise. Limit bitches, 50 pounds and under, first, Dr. E. M. Adams, July IV. Open bitches, over 50 pounds, first, F. L. Wolfenden, Victoria Girl. Open bitches, first, E. N. Schumann, Peggy; second, C. A. Christenson, Washington Queen. Winners—F. L. Wolfenden, Victoria Girl. Reserve—J. W. Gelts, Trilix.

Specials—Best in show, F. L. Wolfenden, Victoria Girl. Best opposite sex, Mrs. C. E. Douglas, Judge-man. Best novice, F. L. Wolfenden, Victoria Black and White.

Judging is not yet completed.

CHAMPION WILL NOW ATTEND TO BUSINESS

San Francisco, Cal., March 29.—Charles J. (Chick) Evans, national open and amateur golf champion of America, has announced his purpose of retiring from golf tournaments after this year. In making this announcement as he was leaving Chicago, he said that he had won all the honors within his reach and would try to round out his career before retiring by winning this year the triple event of America, namely, the National and Western amateur and the open championships.

Evans says he is retiring in order to be able to give more serious attention to his business and thus relieve his partners of the work they have been doing for him in the time he spends on the links.

WAR WILL NOT STOP GAME IN COAST LEAGUE

Regardless of whether the United States gets into the war, the Coast League baseball schedule will be played out, President Baum said yesterday in San Francisco. He declared the league directors have never discussed the possibility of a war affecting attendance seriously.

Louis Sepulveda, a youthful backstop who started his baseball career as a member of the Vancouver Beavers a few years ago, and who has since played with San Francisco, will be released this week. The Seals have signed McKee, of Detroit, and he and Del Baker will do all the catching.

UNIVERSITIES WILL RACE THIS SEASON

Philadelphia, Pa., March 29.—The crews of Yale and the University of Pennsylvania will race on the Schuylkill River April 7, regardless of the international situation. It was agreed yesterday that the event could be held without affecting preparations at either university.

DARCY AND SMITH TO BOX IN SOUTH

Twenty-Round Title Contest Arranged for in May by Promoter

Les Darcy and Jeff Smith are going to fight in New Orleans for the world's middleweight championship. The news reached New York yesterday in a message from D. Tortich, the New Orleans promoter, who stated he had closed for the match which will be staged on May 4. The message neglected to state which one of the boys holds the middleweight championship at present, but it is presumed the palm has been awarded to Darcy. The match will be billed as a bout for the title despite the fact that Darcy has twice beaten Smith and in addition Smith lost decisions to several others, including Mick King, the Australian, beaten by Darcy, when he won the Australian middleweight championship.

The match appears to be another step in the midcareer of Darcy in the United States. It would have been hard to find an opponent for the Australian less popular in the United States. Mike Gibbons, of course, would be the logical man to meet Darcy for a championship bout, but there are others who probably could make the Australian scrapper move around rather lively.

It is a sudden slump of offers of \$30,000 purses for Darcy to sign for 20-round engagements for much smaller sums. Word received in New York does not indicate the sum Darcy is to get for boxing, but Tortich isn't likely to make more than \$10,000.

BOWLING NEWS.

The Pressmen defeated the Camerons in the Commercial Bowling League match at the Arcade Alley last night, by 192 pins. The following were the scores:

Nuts	119	120	138	407
Belk	167	148	128	443
Jameson	135	138	153	426
Wm. Nell	128	137	154	419
Allen	127	154	148	429
Totals	733	819	723	2275

Mitchell	128	132	181	441
Dickson	146	147	98	391
Wilson	150	128	120	398
McMillan	146	134	124	404
McDonald	126	148	128	402
Totals	706	716	719	2141

The next game will be played to-night between the Fairalls, Lads, and the Gar-rison.

If you would have the respect of others begin by respecting yourself.

N. H. A. HOCKEY AND OTTAWA PATRIOTISM

Ottawa, March 30.—Professional hockey in Ottawa has contributed in several ways to the cause of liberty. It might first be mentioned three members of the champion 1915 N.H.A. team are fighting in France, and a member of the 1914 squad is also there. The inauguration of the war tax for amusements resulted in \$1,172.84 being turned over to the provincial treasurer by the Ottawa Hockey Club for eleven games played this winter. In addition Secretary Vivian, of the Returned Soldiers' Association announces that \$743.55 was collected by the corps of young ladies at N.H.A. games during the winter and turned over to the association.

SOLDIERS MAY TRAIN IN BASEBALL PARKS

National League baseball parks may be thrown open to the Government for the training of soldiers. John K. Tener, president of the league, in New York declared he had no doubt that if the need arises the National magnates will be ready to do anything in their power to help the country to wage war to a successful end. "I don't believe the magnates are contemplating just now the possibility of their grounds being needed, but if that need should arise and the Government should call, our magnates, I am certain, would gladly give their grounds over for purposes of training."

National League parks are ideally located for such uses and are admirably fitted in most cases. At the Polo Grounds an entire brigade could be sent through manoeuvres without being cramped. The same is true of the Braves' field at Boston, the largest field in the world. Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, is smaller, but already has held a brigade. Armories are located very near Ebbets Field, Braves' field and the Polo grounds.

WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Portland, Ore., March 30.—The Amateur Athletic Union American wrestling championship matches, which were scheduled for the Multnomah Club gymnasium here May 12, were called off by the club board of directors, owing to the death in Chicago of Edgar Frank, prominent member of the club, and former American amateur featherweight champion. All social or athletic activities of the week have been cancelled by the club.

RACING PROGRAMME.

The following is the schedule of the Western Canada Fairs Association. Racing: Calgary, June 29 to July 3; Red Deer, July 5 to 7; Edmonton, July 9 to 14; Brandon, July 16 to 20; Regina, July 23 to 27; Saskatoon, July 30 to August 3; North Battleford, August 6 to 8; Yorkton, August 9 and 7; Prince Albert, August 9 to 11; Weyburn, August 8 to 11.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, 12¢ per dozen.

FULTON IS NOW ON TRAIL OF WILLARD

Fred Fulton, the most dangerous rival Jess Willard has, is waiting anxiously for something to turn up for him in the way of a match. He is particularly anxious to clean up all the heavyweights hereabouts, beginning with Moran and Morris. He feels if he beats them all Willard can't very well deny him a chance at the heavyweight championship. Fulton has an offer to box Joe Bonds in Philadelphia, but is inclined to pass it up, fearing he might be accused of picking "soft ones." According to Frank Force, his manager, Fulton wants to take on the so-called tough ones first, and after that dispose of anyone that wants to meet him. "We are ready and anxious to fight once a week or twice a week," says Force. "We have no untangling alliance with any band of promoters or syndicate of managers. We will make no agreements not to knock out this or that fellow. We want to fight, and the fatter the better." Morris will be Fulton's first opponent on April 10.

CLUBS TO CONTRIBUTE TO RED CROSS SOCIETY

If the Government or States desire to use American League baseball parks for training grounds for military forces they are at their disposal as far as President Ban Johnson's authority to allow their use is concerned. Johnson, in Chicago, made the above announcement. The plan whereby individual clubs are to donate 10 per cent. of their season's earnings to the American Red Cross in case of war, was approved by the American circuit president. The Cubs' park and the old West Side ball park, used by the Cubs before President Weegman moved the club to the new Federal League park, will be tendered the Government for parade grounds.

FORMER CHAMP TO BOX AT BASEBALL SMOKER

"Rough House" Charley Burns, former Canadian lightweight champion, will make his appearance at the Vancouver Baseball Club's big benefit smoker next Wednesday night in the Vancouver Opera House. The affair is being held in aid of the Returned Soldiers' Club, the entire expenses in connection with the entertainment being borne by the baseball club. Burns' opponent has not yet been selected, but it is just possible that Roy Brown, infielder of the Beavers, who is some pumpkins as a boxer, will face the former champion.

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 8 roomed house, South Turner St., fully modern, James Bay district. Per month \$10

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8 roomed house, fully modern, Work St. Per month \$14
 10 roomed house, fully modern, South Turner St., James Bay. Per month \$10

TO RENT, FARM PROPERTY

Royal Oak—140 acres, 5 roomed, furnished house, stables, hen houses, etc., 7 acres under cultivation; lease 6 months. Per month \$30
 Happy Valley—12 acres, 5 roomed house, unfurnished, 6 acres broken, fruit trees, stables and hen houses. Per month \$15
 Prospect 1 acre—30 acres, improved, good house 2 years' lease. Per month \$5
 Metchoin—100 acres, 45 acres improved, house, buildings; lease. Per year \$300

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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DISCONTINUED—In order to prevent your neighbors from scratching up your garden seeds plant them in concrete. Diggon Printing Co., 708 Yates Street. The originator of the card game "Scor" tag—others have copied it, and we are proud of its success.

WHY GO HOME TO EAT when you can get a nice, tasty lunch at the Vernon Cafe for 25c? Try it once and you will keep on trying it. Tables for ladies.

OLD LAWN MOWERS made to cut better than new by Wilson's electric machine. 214 Commercial.

FOR SALE—Bottle washer and boiler, two driving buccies, \$25 and \$35; fumed oak china cabinet, oak buffet, Ferris, 1419 Douglas.

FIRST-CLASS EQUIPMENT and qualified men for radiator, lamp and fender repairs. Burgess Bros., 1804 Government Street.

JANITOR WANTED—Free apartment in downtown building in return for janitor services, requiring one or two hours daily; give references. Apply Box 773, Times.

FOR SALE—Six-room, fully modern bungalow on Cornwall Street, cement basement, furnace, etc., \$2,000. The Griffin Company, Hilben-Bone Building.

LOST—\$50 in bills, Thursday afternoon. Please return to 1013 Pendegast. Reward.

"HELL"—Is there such a place? Where it is and where there is, 7100. Mr. Robt. Miller's subject for Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, Victoria Hall, Blanshard Street, just south of Pandora Street.

DANISH GRYHOUND. Owner will give to good master. Apply Phone 3711.

"BIBLE LIGHT on the Promised Land"—Israel's Opportunity. British Israel meeting, Tuesday, April 3, 8 p. m. Congregational Church, Broadway, entrance, Mason Street. All welcome.

WANTED—Ford, or other make of car, for cash. Box 967, Times.

FIR CORDWOOD (stove blocks), 6 cords. Marlow, Phone 3303R.

FIR KINDLING WOOD, no chopping required, 3 large bundles, 11, packed in your basement. Marlow, Phone 3303R.

WANTED—To purchase, within 3-mile circle, one acre of land with six-room, modern house. Forward particulars to Gillespie, Hart & Todd, Ltd., 711 Fort Street.

TO RENT—Belmont Avenue, 7 rooms, furnished, \$20; Linden Avenue, 8 rooms, unfurnished, \$15; Fort Street, 8 rooms, furnished, \$25; Cowichan Street, 6 rooms, furnished, \$25; Beach Drive, 8 rooms, furnished, \$25; Fernwood Road, 8 rooms, furnished, \$25; Pembroke Road, 8 rooms, unfurnished, \$15. Further particulars apply to Gillespie, Hart & Todd, 711 Fort Street.

LOST—On 25th and gold watch chain, between Empress Hotel and Douglas. Phone 5661.

TO RENT—Cheap, six acres, chicken ranch, on water, 1000 ft. from beach, house, furnished. Apply J. Simpson, P.O. Washington, Pender Island, B. C.

FOR SALE—A 5-acre, 5 roomed house, well built, on good lot, fenced, with chicken house; good reason for selling. Apply 456 Obed Ave., Gorge.

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FOR SALE—Or trade for hens, new sanitary closet; also copper lined bath and fixtures. Apply 115 Burnside Road.

METCHOIN—30 acres at \$50 per acre, 10 acres cleared, some good timber, \$2,000 cash remain on mortgage, 6 per cent; also 10 acres, cleared, close in, \$500 per acre, 2000 can remain on mortgage; 5 large lots, Garden City, \$2000, snap at \$700. E. White & Sons, real estate, insurance, Victoria, B. C.

FOR SALE—1913 two-speed "Indian" motorcycle, fully equipped, first-class condition; cheap for cash. Box 538, Times.

FOUND—Black and tan puppy, black collar, can have name by paying for advertisement. 5711 Quadra.

WANTED—To rent, furnished or partly furnished house, six or seven rooms, close beach; must be modern; careful tenant. P. O. Box 667.

FOR SALE—Stove (Alberni), kitchen table, chairs, beds, etc., 1825 Fowl. Road. Phone 3031R.

FOR SALE—McLaughlin Buick runabout, in first-class condition, cheap for cash. W. S. Darling, Dominion Bank.

WANTED—To buy, daffodils. Brown Road, 45 View Street.

FOR SALE—Buff Orpington hens and pullets, all choice stock, 443 Yale. Phone 111R.

WANTED—Position as housekeeper by capable party. Address M. M. Times.

FOR SALE—On Montreal Street, James Bay, six-room, modern home, cement basement, walks, furnace, garage, large lot; snap price \$2,500; about \$500 down, balance can remain at 7 per cent. Phone 3884R.

TO RENT—Five roomed cottage, 1906 Fairfield Road; rent \$10 per month. Lee & Fraser, 1222 Broad Street.

WANTED—Set springs for English baby carriage. Dandridge, Phone 4651R.

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WELCH OFFERS HIS
SHARES FOR TAKINGSays Pacific Great Eastern
Stock Will Never Bring
Him AnythingPROVINCE WAS TO FIND
WHAT THE FIRM LACKEDSir Richard McBride Told Welch
That Whatever Was Needed
Would Be Made UpLegislative Press Gallery,
March 30.

The shares in the Pacific Great Eastern Railway Co. are hardly worth carrying away, at least that portion of them which Patrick Welch has in is that category, for he intimated to the committee this morning that anyone could have them.

Of course Mr. Welch did not mean it quite in that way, and when the matter of their worth as security to the Government was advanced he retired from his offer. He does not expect to live to see the shares worth much to him, but almost in the same breath he gave reasons for hoping for a very early development of the country through which the line runs—and there is no one but will wish for Mr. Welch many years yet in which to enjoy whatever honest return has come or is coming from his long years of hard work.

Two Contracts.
There would appear to have been two contracts between the Province and the combination railway-contractor firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart, one of which appears on the face of the statutes and the other a verbal one by which the McBride-Bowser Government pledged the province to furnish all the money the contractors could not or would not put up in order to build the line.

A significant fact emphasizing the existence of this secret and unwritten agreement is that on two successive days D'Arcy Tate, K. C., vice-president and general counsel of the P. G. E., penned diametrically opposed messages.

The first notified the Province, for the special information of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, who had raised the point of the proportionate payments being exceeded, of the instant readiness of the railway company to find all the money needed to complete the road over and above what the guaranteed bonds were producing; the second informed Mr. Bowser that if money is not forthcoming within twenty-four hours six thousand hungry and unpaid men will be turned loose upon the country.

Second Report.
The committee is reporting to the House this afternoon, with a recommendation for printing, of 300 pages more of evidence.

Mr. Taylor read a letter produced by Chief Engineer Callaghan, this being a copy sent him for his file by A. E. Griffin of a letter written by Griffin on July 7, 1914, to Corrigan & Griffin, J. M. Emmings, J. B. Morton & Co., and other sub-contractors. In this Griffin says: "I had a talk with Stewart and Callaghan regarding classification. Callaghan agrees to classify hard clay cuts with sufficient solid rock, where there is no solid rock, to enable station-men to make wages, on condition that you raise prices to them as follows," giving the figures. Where there is solid rock the station-men are to receive the original prices. Griffin concludes: "At the conclusion of the contract I will arrange to take care of you."

A file was put in by Chief Engineer Callaghan for the purpose of showing his bona fides in all he had done in the matter of alterations in classification. Four packages of P. Welch's contracts and settlements with sub-contractors and station-men were put in, said to be all there are.

To Audit Books.
On motion of H. C. Hall and R. H. Pooley the auditor was instructed forthwith to proceed with an audit, beginning first with the material now before the committee and to follow it up with an examination of any of P. Welch's books he finds necessary.

Yesterday's wrangle as to whether the books should be examined in Vancouver or here was ended by the Minister of Railways, who happened to be in the room, pointing out that the House had ordered the production of all documents, which the committee could not vary. Therefore all books and papers must be produced in Victoria.

Patrick Welch was called and sworn, and was examined first by his own counsel, E. P. Davis, K. C. He was born in New York state in or about 1858, he stated, and now lives in Spokane. Associated with him in business are Timothy Foley, who is between 70 and 80, was born somewhere between Ottawa and Montreal (in Alexandria), and lives in St. Paul, and John W. Stewart, born 58 years ago in Scotland, and now resident in Vancouver. Their association began about 15 years ago, all having previous experience in railway contracting. From 1893 Stewart and Welch had been associated in the work with Peter Larsen as Larsen, Welch & Stewart. They did a good deal of construction work on the Great Northern Railway.

Experienced Railwaymen.
On the Grand Trunk Pacific the associates built without a break from Saskatoon to Prince Rupert, about 1,300 miles, and also did some work on the Lake Superior branch. On the C. P. R. they had double-tracked the line from

Winnipeg to Port Arthur some years ago, several hundred miles of prairie work; the Winnipeg yards and, lately, the Glacier tunnel. On the C. N. Pacific they built the Hope-Kamloops section.

Talked With Sir Richard.

Mr. Welch said his first knowledge of the P. G. E. scheme was from his partner Stewart in the spring or summer of 1911, who told him that he and Mr. Tate were discussing a charter over that route. Later he came on here, during the illness and absence of Mr. Stewart, to talk it over with Sir Richard McBride and Mr. Tate. Sir Richard outlined his railway policy and said he was willing to guarantee a certain mileage at \$35,000 a mile. He told the Premier that he was not familiar with the country and did not know whether \$35,000 a mile would give enough money to complete the line and Sir Richard McBride said he knew their reputation, knew they were fairly strong financially, was sure they could carry it through successfully, and if \$35,000 a mile was not sufficient to complete it he would add them to do so; that he did not expect any firm of contractors to get in and develop the province with their own money. He believed from Mr. Stewart that it was almost absolutely certain that the company would get the same aid as the Canadian Northern Pacific from the Dominion.

Company Incorporated.

So the scheme was entered upon, the P. G. E. was incorporated and a contract was let. It was part of the bargain with the company, Mr. Welch said, that the P. G. E. would employ John Callaghan as chief engineer.

Mr. Davis—"Why did you retain control of the railway line in the firm of Foley, Welch & Stewart?"
"We were behind the whole thing and the Government had our guarantee."

"Why did you let the contract to yourselves instead of calling for tenders?"
"It did not strike me why we should invite anybody to bid on the work when we had a fine outfit and were railway builders who could do the work."

"And if you had let the contract to anyone else there would have been a profit taken out of it which would have added to the cost?"
"Yes. The object was to go ahead and make all the money we could out of it by going on with it and treating the sub-contractors and station-men fairly."

"Was the Government aware that P. Welch was Foley, Welch & Stewart?"
"I don't think there is any question about it at all."

"There was never any concealment about the matter at all?"
"No."

Chairman Farris—"Who do you mean by the Government?"
"The Premier and Government Engineer, Sir Richard McBride and Mr. Gamble."

"How about the Attorney-General?"
"Really I don't know. When I say the Government I mean the powers that be, the people we talked to."

"The powers that be; that would be the Attorney-General," the Chairman remarked.

Mr. Davis—"Did they want the contract entered into at once?"
"Yes, Sir Richard McBride seemed to be in a hurry about it."

"What did you do to secure economical construction of this line?"
"Foley, Welch & Stewart were behind that proposition and it is only fair and reasonable that we would do it, and did it, as cheaply as possible. We consider it as cheap and as good a contract as you ever saw."

Were Helped Out.
The witness went on to say that there were a lot of sub-contractors under Foley, Welch & Stewart on the G. T. P., and these had a good following of station-men. He went to these and told them he would let them get away with money but wanted to be fair with them. All got good treatment and fair prices and in many cases the sub-contractors and station-men were helped out by higher prices and raising classification. If Mr. Callaghan carried out the classification with the sub-contractors as with the station-men they would have made \$100,000 each. Mr. Stewart had told them that he would let them have a normal profit of \$30,000 to \$35,000 each, and some were cut down to approximately that figure."

In Deep Water.
Mr. Davis elicited from witness that in addition to the \$114,422,462 received by the contractors from the Government he considered that the company had put into the work some two million dollars for supplies, over four millions for pay-roll and purchase of Howe Sound line equipment and its obligation to the bank. Mr. Welch confessed at the outset that both counsel and himself were getting into deep water, because he was not a book-keeper; he only knew what Mr. White told him, and he behind him. Mr. White looks after Mr. Welch's business and is one of the P. G. E. directors. The statement from which Mr. Davis was reading, Mr. Welch said, had been prepared in a hurry when they found out there was going to be an investigation.

Big Profit.

For purposes of comparison Mr. Davis asked if witness would object to telling what profit he made on the C. N. Pacific. Mr. Welch said he had no objection, in view of the criticism of his company and this P. G. E. contract, although contractors did not care to reveal such things. On the section of about 160 miles, Hope to Kamloops, the Northern Construction Company and P. Welch, at the last statement he made, it was not yet finally settled—made a profit of \$1,400,000.

In the matter of track-laying Mr. Welch said the price paid on the C. N. P., on that section, was \$500 a mile. He had gone to the trouble to get a statement made up in the office, which showed that on 171 miles the cost was \$833.97 a mile, or a loss to them of \$333.97 a mile.

Refused \$5.

Mr. Welch explained the transaction with the Union Bank, when the P. G. E.

pledged bonds to the value of \$6,000,000 par for \$4,800,000. He stated that Mr. Stewart had a chance to sell the bonds at 85, but Sir Richard McBride would not allow them to be sold at that figure, and the deal had to be made with the Union Bank at 80. The company was responsible to the bank for any loss it might suffer if the bonds sold for less than 80, and it also had to guarantee the difference between 4 1/2 per cent, and 6 per cent. This latter, by the way, a member of the committee figured out to be in actual fact only three-eighths of one per cent. Mr. Welch expressed the transaction as "just the same as putting up your watch."

Nothing, Crooked.

Mr. Davis—"Was there anything dishonest or crooked in connection with your dealings, either with the P. G. E. or the construction work on the road?"
Certainly not. There was never any more honest work in any manner than that line.

S. S. Taylor, K. C., counsel for the railway department, questioned Mr. Welch as to his understanding with Sir Richard McBride that the company was not expected to put any of its own money into the line.

Mr. Welch explained that it was not that the company was not to put any money in but that it was not able to put in enough the Government would help it out beyond the \$35,000 a mile guarantee.

Only One Interview.

Mr. Taylor—"And that is the sort of contract that responsible ministers of the Crown made in such an immense undertaking? I would like to get from you the exact contract that these Ministers of the Crown entered into on a deal, the magnitude of which this province never thought of undertaking before, between twenty-seven and twenty-eight million dollars. Is that the way the deal stood, and not anything in writing?"

I had only that one interview with Sir Richard; I didn't make it.

Put in No Money.

That is the contract you actually made with the Government, that it was to help you out, but the contract which the public saw was diametrically different. It is contained in a schedule annexed to a statute. I find your signature personally to that contract, with those of John W. Stewart and Timothy Foley. That contract does not bear out your explanation given to Mr. Davis of what your contract with the Government was, that you were to put in none of your own money and that the Government was to help you out. How do you explain that?

"I signed it without reading it, like lots of other documents I have signed."

"You signed this without reading it, knowing it was going to be submitted to the Legislature of British Columbia?"

"I suppose it is in a sense."

"What sense?"
"I don't know. I am not familiar enough with these things."

No Answer.

"You contracted with this Province that you were to use twenty-five millions of stock to build this road and the Province was doing no more than guaranteeing bonds, being secondarily, not primarily, liable to the extent of \$35,000 a mile?"

"I could not answer more than I have."

Mr. Taylor went on to say that after two years' work a letter was sent to Chief Engineer Gamble, for the information of the Lieutenant-Governor, to whom the truth must be told, which was consistent with the contract as the public knew it, but inconsistent with anything else. The Lieutenant-Governor had raised the question of the volume of unfinished work and the amount of funds available for its completion, holding up the September, 1914, estimate, and on October 26, 1914, D'Arcy Tate, K. C., wrote to assure His Honor that the funds necessary beyond the proceeds of the sale of guaranteed securities would be forthcoming immediately these were required.

The Very Words.

Mr. Taylor—"How can you explain that letter and the position taken by Mr. Tate with your statement to your counsel that you were to put in your own money as you liked, and if you could not the Government would do it?"

These were the very words he used to me. We placed some assurance that in case we got stuck he would aid us, which he did afterwards. We expected to get a handsome revenue from the sale of these townships.

"That is a different subject. You guaranteed to return that loan, which the guarantee of securities was in effect, you gave your personal security for it. Do you say you were not to put in your own money?"
For a Purpose.

"We put in all we could and carried it out as well as we could."

Mr. Taylor—"The ink was hardly dry on that letter of October 26, 1914, when Mr. Tate penned a telegram to Mr. Bowser from Vancouver next day. He wires: 'Work is on verge of shut-down and unless estimate is paid to-day I cannot possibly hold the situation any longer. This month's bills all overdue and men clamoring for wages. Of course you understand if camps disbanded work cannot be resumed this winter. . . . If these 4,000 men are let out it will be without payment of their wages, and you can imagine what trouble will ensue.'"

Chairman Farris—"The letter was for the information of His Honor and the telegram was for the Government, for Mr. Bowser, so that the facts were being withheld from His Honor they were being given to the Government."

Mr. Taylor—"That is a letter recognizing your solemn duty to furnish the funds required to build the road over and above the proceeds of guaranteed securities. It is paid to-day I cannot possibly hold the situation any longer. This month's bills all overdue and men clamoring for wages. Of course you understand if camps disbanded work cannot be resumed this winter. . . . If these 4,000 men are let out it will be without payment of their wages, and you can imagine what trouble will ensue."

Chairman Farris—"Can you justify conduct of that nature?"
"I have no other answer to make to that question."

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The amount asked for is set within the reach of all, a monthly subscription of from ten cents to one dollar being asked of each and every person residing in the district.

As is well-known, the "GREAT DRIVE" is to commence very soon, with its consequent heavy casualty lists, and as RED CROSS PRODUCTS are mainly wanted at these times of great stress, the Branch hopes that there will be a liberal response to the appeal of the collectors.

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S. O. E.

Members are requested to attend the funeral of the late Brother J. F. Wheeler on Saturday next. Meet at the Lodge Room at 2 o'clock. Funeral from Sands Funeral Parlors.

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one-quarter of a cent there must be development up there and the road placed on an earning basis, and before that I will be dead, and therefore that stock is no good to me except for bunco purposes, as you just stated."

Mr. Welch qualified his statement about the time necessary to put the road on a paying basis, for, like everyone else, he looks to see the mining industry make a great difference very quickly.

It transpired that J. H. Kennedy, C. E., had a son who, with a nephew of Mr. Welch's, had a contract on the P. G. E. and they benefited by a raising of classification.

To Mr. Pooley Mr. Welch said he had no desire to evade any obligation he had undertaken.

Mr. Hall asked whether witness had no idea before taking the contract what the cost per mile would be.

Mr. Welch—"A sort of an idea. It was hard to get an intelligent idea. Mr. Stewart evidently thought that \$40,000 or \$50,000 a mile, perhaps between \$40,000 and \$45,000 a mile would be the cost; that we might be able to manipulate, to pick up the money to make up the difference between \$35,000 and \$45,000 a mile."

A final question from Mr. Taylor drew forth the answer that E. P. White, a director of the P. G. E. and drawing down \$500 a month as right-of-way man from that company at the same time, is a son-in-law of Mr. Welch, that he looks after Mr. Welch's business and that he was a sub-contractor on the P. G. E. as a member of the firm of McGill & Wilson.

The committee meets again on Monday morning.

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P. G. RICHARDS, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Victoria, B. C., March 30, 1917.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply at the next sitting of the Board of License Commissioners for a transfer of the license held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors on the premises known as the Pandia Hotel, situated at 140 Johnson Street, to William A. Goff, of the said City of Victoria.
(Signed) SIDNEY MITCHELL.
Dated the 10th day of March, 1917.

NOTICE

Estate of Vincent Cleaves, Late of South Saanich, B. C., Deceased.
All persons having any claims against the estate of the late Vincent Cleaves, who was killed in action on or about the 24th April, 1915, and whose will has been proved in the Supreme Court of British Columbia by Lindley Crease, K. C., as attorney for Frederick Cleaves, the executor therein named, are required to send particulars of their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned, on or before 22nd May, 1917, after which date the said Lindley Crease, as administrator of the said estate, will distribute the assets, having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice.
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MOTHERS GIVEN EQUAL RIGHTS WITH FATHERS

Have the Same Powers in Relation to Legal Guardianship of Children

Legislative Press Gallery, March 29.

It is not only carrying out the promise of the Speech from the Throne but it is putting into practice one of the doctrines of the Liberal party that the Government should introduce an equal guardianship bill, which has been done by the Premier.

This measure proposes to enact that "all disabilities of married women with respect to the guardianship of their minor children are hereby removed." Husband and wife living together are to be joint guardians of their minor children, with equal powers, rights and duties in relation to the matter, and there shall be no paramount right to either in connection therewith.

Guardians.

Either parent may appoint any person to act in his or her place after his or her death, and if there is no appointment then the surviving parent becomes sole guardian, which is not disturbed by remarriage. Where the parents are living apart voluntarily the guardianship may be arranged by agreement in writing between them, and in case of divorce or judicial separation the court will make an order.

Minor Parents.

In respect of the guardianship of their minor children the disabilities of a minor husband, if any, shall be in no case greater than those of a minor wife, and the disabilities of a minor wife, if any, shall in no case be greater than those of a minor husband. The support of the children shall be chargeable jointly upon the property of the two parents, and they may be sued either jointly or severally. In questions relating to the custody and education of children the rules of equity shall prevail.

Destitute Relatives.

A bill regarding the maintenance of sick and destitute persons by near relatives was introduced this afternoon by the Attorney-General. This places upon fathers and mothers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters (of the whole or half-blood) the liability for the maintenance of near relatives who are sick or destitute.

The definition of the latter phrase is the existence of such necessities circumstances as that they are unable to procure suitable treatment or medical aid, or physical or mental incapacity to maintain oneself by one's own exertions.

Method of Procedure.

On the complaint on oath of any person that he or she is sick and destitute in this sense, and with a near relative or relatives of sufficient financial ability to contribute to their support, and that this support has been applied for and refused, the relatives may be summoned to show cause. Municipal authorities may make similar complaint in regard to any person who might otherwise become a charge on the public, whether aid has or has not been given by the municipality or by any public organization.

The magistrate may, in his discretion, order the relatives to pay towards the future maintenance of their kin a sum of money at the rate of not over twenty dollars a week. This may be varied from time to time by the magistrate on application of the near relatives if it is proved that their circum-

stances have altered since the previous order was made.

Provision is made for levying by distress in case of non-payment of the weekly instalments for one week. Proceedings under this Act may be heard in private at the discretion of the magistrate.

TEMPORARY CHANGE AT EMPRESS HOTEL

Manager Goes Away for Summer, and Will Be Succeeded by J. O. Windross

It has been necessary to make some changes in the management for the coming tourist season of the C. P. R. Hotel system, consequent on the illness of H. B. Jackson, former manager of the Empress Hotel here, and more recently of the Hotel Alexandra, Winnipeg. Mr. Jackson is now recuperating in Southern California.

That is the object of General Manager F. L. Hutchinson's visit to the hotel at this time. He explains that Manager Arthur Benaglia will take Mr. Jackson's place at Banff for the season, and the vacancy here will be filled by J. O. Windross, assistant manager of the Chateau Frontenac at Quebec. Mr. Windross is an experienced hotel man, and for the past eight years has been engaged in the hotel service of the company. He will arrive here in a few days.

Mr. Benaglia is to return here in the fall, the management being well satisfied with his conduct of the hotel, and the present appointment is of a temporary character only to fill an emergency. Since the hotel at Banff has to open on May 15, Mr. Benaglia leaves this afternoon for Portland, and later will go east, taking up his work at Banff at an early date. He has instructions to organize a staff, and has appointed E. N. Tribe, former steward at the Empress, as steward at the mountain hotel. The other members are being engaged to join him in the mountains next month.

Mr. Hutchinson said to the Times today: I should like particularly to say a word with regard to one phase of travel, and that is the large number of prairie people who have been at the Empress hotel in the past winter. It is extremely encouraging, and there is a very fruitful field for organization of travel in this respect. In Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, and other cities money is abundant, and people may be induced to come to the Coast to spend several weeks at a time. The C. P. R. has been carrying on a publicity campaign, and the efforts of our city organization have been of value, and should be prosecuted energetically in the prairie provinces. While the American travel is very important, no step should be missed to bring our Canadians out to the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Hutchinson will be here till Monday. He expects Mr. Windross to take over the local management early next week.

On Serious Charge.—John Montgomery, a motor car driver, was arraigned before Magistrate Jay in the Police Court this morning on a charge of having assisted a young girl of this city to become a juvenile delinquent. It is alleged that he has been instrumental in taking the girl from home on several occasions. The charge is a serious one, in which a heavy penalty may be imposed by law. The case was remanded until to-morrow.

HOME DEFENSE PLAN HAS BEEN ARRANGED

Very Similar to Militia Regulations Which Have Long Been in Force

The home defence scheme which is to be enforced is very little different from the already in force in the Dominion under the Militia Act. Fifty thousand men are to be enrolled voluntarily for the defence of the Dominion, and this is to form part of the half million men promised to the British Government for service in the war.

So far as the local position is concerned there is practically no change, for the 85th and the 50th Regiments remain as the defence units for this city and district, and the qualifications are similar to those required for overseas. The following are the chief provisions of the scheme:

Enlistment and period of engagement.—Men may enlist for the C. E. F. or for home defence, and it is hoped that many who enlist for home defence will afterwards transfer to the C. E. F. But, whether for home defence or for service overseas, they will enlist for the term of one year, or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year, and for six months after the termination of that war, provided His Majesty should so long require their services, or until legally discharged.

Exemptions from enlistment.—Civil tribunals will be appointed (not to be district commanders) to decide questions which may arise in connection with exemption from enlistment.

Reserve battalions.—In regimental association with battalions ordered to mobilize, reserve battalions will be encouraged to organize and train; but they will draw no pay nor allowances, nor on their account will any other expenses be chargeable to the public.

Employment of returned members of the C. E. F.—Both during mobilization and after, the services of officers, N. C. O.'s and men returned from overseas will, as far as possible, be utilized. Expenses connected with recruiting, etc.—Authority is being sought to grant financial assistance to units while mobilizing. It is hoped that an immediate advance of \$500 to each battalion will be approved.

Training.—The following arrangements will be made: (a) During March Headquarters will be organized; officers and N. C. O.'s will undergo instruction; recruits will be enrolled. (b) During April—Men enlisted for home defence will train two evenings and one afternoon a week. They will be paid at the rate of \$50 for each parade. Men enlisted for the C. E. F. will, of course, train full time and draw full pay and allowances. (c) During May—Units, unless detailed for special duty, will go into camp and stay there during summer.

Pay and Allowances in Camp.—While in camp, officers, N. C. O.'s and men of the C. D. F. will draw pay and allowances at the following rates:

Ranks.	Pay (per day).	Separation Allowance (per month).	Total (if married).
Colonel	\$6.00	\$55.00	\$7.38
Lieut.-Col.	5.00	55.00	6.63
Major	4.00	45.00	5.50
Captain	3.00	35.00	4.17
Lieutenant	2.00	25.00	2.83
Warrant Officer ..	2.00	25.00	2.83
Staff-Sgt. or Sgt. ...	1.35	20.00	2.01
Rank and File	1.00	18.00	1.60

Rates of Subsistence.—For the C. D. F. on mobilization, rates of subsistence will be the same as those for the C. E. F., namely, \$1.50 per day for officers and \$0.60 per day for N. C. O.'s and men.

Special Badge for C. E. F.—Men of the C. E. F. will wear a distinguishing badge of a design to be approved later. The badge will be worn on the left arm, its lower edge three inches above elbow.

The headquarters staff will include 6 officers, 1 warrant officer, 11 staff-sergeants and sergeants, 54 rank and file, total, 72 of all ranks. Machine gun section, 1 officer, 1 sergeant, 16 rank and file; total, 18 of all ranks. Four companies, 24 officers, 40 sergeants, 16 drummers and buglers, 962 rank and file; total, 1,002 of all ranks.

SENIOR LEAGUE SOCCER

Garrison and Wests Will Meet To-morrow at North Ward Park.

Arrangements have at length been made for the playing of the final game in the senior soccer league of the city, to-morrow afternoon at the North Ward Park.

The two teams which are involved in the afternoon's play are the Garrison and the Wests. Both these clubs have tied for the first place, and the coming contest will decide which shall top the league. The game will commence at 2.45, and will be refereed by Mr. Goward.

The following players will represent the Wests: Mickerson, Whyte and McLeod; Stewart, Hill, Allan, Sheratt, Petticrew, J. Feden, T. Feden, Thomas. The Garrison will line up as follows: Kelway; Gale and Wyllie; Lynn, C. Martin, Frankish; Stevens, Buxton, Filmore, Wells. Another.

Court of Revision.—The next meeting of the Court of Revision on Local Improvements will be held on April 13. Among the by-laws to come up at that time will be that for the repaving of Yates Street from Government Street to Douglas Street. It is on the serial

ASSESSMENT MUST BE BORNE CHEERFULLY

Mayor Comments on Appeal for Re-assessment on Population Basis

The Civic Retrenchment Association has again gone on record in favor of a re-assessment of the city, following a civic census. Earlier in the year the same matter was submitted to Council, but no action was taken thereon. The resolution has been again forwarded for consideration.

Discussing the situation, in the light of the experience at the present Court of Revision, Mayor Todd said this morning: "The citizens have shown a very fine spirit, and taken a reasonable point of view on the whole. There is no sign of insistence on acting in an arbitrary manner in forcing concessions, and it appears to be recognized that so long as the assessments are equitable the citizens cannot expect much more at this time."

"They appreciate it is up to all to work together, and try and struggle through. So far as excessive assessment is concerned, there is probably not a member of the court but feels that some of his personal assessments are excessive, but they know, as the public knows, that the money must be raised in some way or other, and a sweeping reduction in assessment must force up the rate of taxation. The object of the court has been to make the assessments equitable."

"I am willing to admit there are cases here and there through the city where the assessments are not as equitable as they should be, but as far as possible the court is endeavoring to remedy such cases as the court's attention is called to individual instances."

"Recognizing that primarily the city must remain pre-eminently a residential and tourist city, the business men must endeavor to struggle through, because if the taxation is removed from business to residential property it will drive away newcomers, to the general detriment of all classes of the community."

As already stated, the Court of Revision sits again on Monday.

LOCAL NEWS

British Mail.—A British mail arrived in the city this morning. It consisted of 15 bags of letters and eight bags of papers.

Meeting Postponed.—The final meeting of the Mock Parliament in connection with the Victoria Liberal Association has been postponed until April 17.

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Another Policeman to Go.—The third policeman to be decapitated for surrender to liquor since the commissioners took office was removed yesterday by the City Police Commissioners. No action was taken on the general policy of rearranging the department.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, quarts, 3 for 50c.

The Trespass Act.—The City Solicitor is still working on the effort to secure from the Government the amendment of the Trespass Act, in order to give the protection of fenced property to unfenced land within city municipalities, a measure designed to prevent damage to growing crops.

Boundary Streets.—To support the application of Revelstoke, in which Victoria City Council has joined, the Inspector of Municipalities has drafted an amendment of the Municipal Incorporation Act to provide for boundary streets and buildings, where the line of two districts crosses property, leaving part in each district.

Jurisdiction Extended.—Mr. C. H. Beevor-Potts, judge of the small debts court for Nanaimo, is in receipt of notification from the Provincial Secretary, to the effect that his jurisdiction, which was previously limited to the city of Nanaimo, has been increased to take in the district covered by a radius of twenty miles from the city.

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Liberal Women.—The regular monthly of the Victoria Women's Liberal Association will be held in the Liberal rooms, Arcade Building, on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. In view of the fact that registration of women will probably commence immediately it will be necessary for the Liberal women to organize committees for registration purposes.

Publicity Plan.—At 8 o'clock this evening there will be a meeting of the executive of the Victoria and Island Development Association, in the Association rooms, when the plans for the year will be discussed. A large scheme of publicity for the whole of the Northwest has been drafted by Commissioner Cuthbert and this will be submitted to the committee.

Made Suggestion.—Thos. Kidd, who appeared before the Municipal Committee of the Legislature yesterday, asked that the owner in fee, and the purchaser under agreement of sale of the same real property, be both assessed and both be allowed to vote at ordinary elections, but that only the owner in fee should have the right to vote on by-laws for borrowing money, and that no by-law for borrowing

The Hand of Vancouver Dentists Have Been Forced by Publicity

Forced by the strong pressure of public opinion, Vancouver Dentists, on Tuesday night, approved of the recognition in British Columbia of licenses granted by the Dominion Dental Council, thereby absolutely reversing their previous decision and admitting that the B. C. Dental Act should be revised.

Here Are the Facts of the Case—

On February 23, 1917, a representative meeting of the dentists of Vancouver, New Westminster and vicinity was held at the Hotel Vancouver, at which the proposed revision of the Dental Act was discussed.

With the evident idea of protecting themselves against competition, the dentists at this meeting passed a resolution protesting against the revision providing for the recognition of certificates of the Dominion Dental Council.

On the following day, at a meeting in the Balmoral Hotel, Victoria, the dentists of Victoria also entered a protest against the same clause.

On last Wednesday evening, at a meeting of Vancouver dentists, held at the Commercial Club, a resolution was passed declaring that it was advisable that the licenses of the Dominion Council be recognized in B. C. just as they are now recognized in other provinces.

What Does This Change of Heart Mean?

It means that the publicity which is now being given as to the unfair and unjust methods and policies of the Dental Council under the existing act is now having its effect, and that, in the hope of stopping the exposure of the policies of the Dentistry Trust, the Vancouver dentists have "backed water" and conceded one of the vital points aimed at in the revision.

But, the Public Should Not Be Misled!

The action above noted is merely a "herring drawn across the trail." The concession of the "slice" is made in order that the public may be misled as to its covering the only deficiency in the present act and thus leave the dentists with a firm hold on the "whole loaf" which the present Dental Act places in their hands.

DON'T BE MISLED!!

The only way in which public interests can properly be served, as far as the control of dentistry in British Columbia is concerned is by the complete revision of the Dental Act.

Read This Series of Advertisements Daily and Learn the Real Facts

By sending a postcard request to Room 3, 407 Hastings Street West, Vancouver, you can secure a pamphlet fully outlining and explaining the terms of the proposed revision.

Assist in securing closer control of the Dental Council by asking your representative to support this legislation in the House.

money should be submitted to be voted on unless the same is asked for by a petition of resident owners, representing a majority of the assessed value of the real property standing in the name of the resident owners of the municipality.

Tillicum Vocal Society.—At the Gorge Presbyterian Hall last evening the Tillicum Vocal Society closed its first season's work with a very successful concert. The building was filled to its utmost capacity with an appreciative audience. The rendering of several choruses and solos by members of the society found hearty applause. The greatest attractions of the evening were the solos provided by Mrs. Fowler, contralto; Miss Steenson, soprano; Mr. Butterworth, baritone; all singers of high attainment who lent their voices on this occasion to the vocal society. Rev. S. Lundy acted as chairman, and in a short address paid high tribute to the efforts and abilities of Mr. Butterworth, who is acting as instructor to the singing class.

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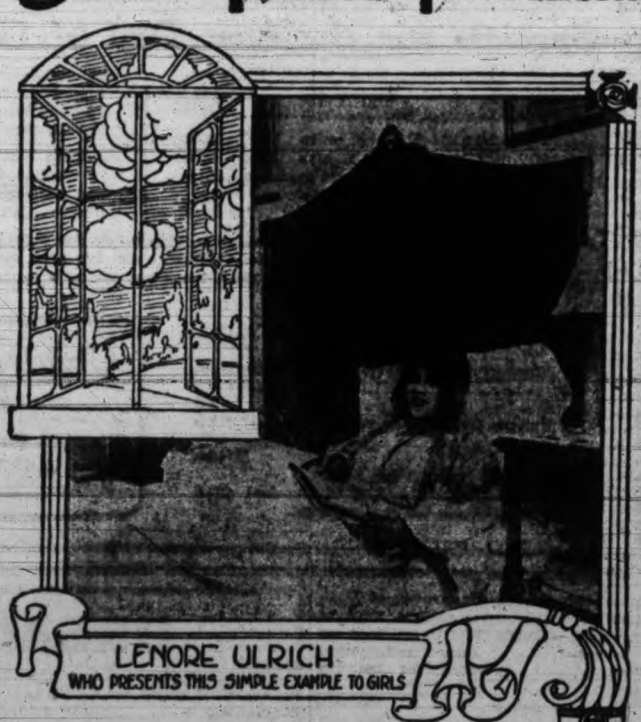
TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT DOG TAX

Notice is hereby given that the Esquimalt Dog Tax is due on or before the 1st day of March, 1917. Owners who have neglected to pay the tax by that date are liable to legal proceedings without further notice.

R. H. NUNN, Collector.

Hudson's Bay "Imperial" Lager Beer, pints, 3 for 25c.

8 HOURS + 1 OPEN WINDOW = 1 FINE COMPLEXION



As a mathematician pretty Lenore Rich has never sought any honorary mention. Yet there is a simple example which the popular screen star was taught early in her career and which she in turn advises all aspirants to a fair complexion to learn, viz. eight hours of sleep plus one open window equals one "peaches and cream" complexion. Of course, in working out this example, it is important that when the window is open the door should be closed, else the result, in place of one fair complexion, might prove one touch of pneumonia. "Nothing tends to pre-

serve a good complexion more than eight hours of sleep with good ventilation regularly each night," said the fair Lenore, recently while resting between scenes at the Pallas Pictures studios. "Many set out to faithfully work out this example, but few live up to the rule." That the star of "The Heart of Paula" and similar successes in photography can speak with authority on this matter of complexions is readily apparent. The dolls shown in this picture have no bearing on one's complexion, but are merely new gifts from a Miss Lenore.

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CHIRADELLI'S DUTCH COCOA (Better Than Chocolate), per lb. 35¢, 3 lbs. for		\$1.00	
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stalments or by payments from
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and special rates imposed in re-
spect of works of local improve-
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of the Local Improvement Act.
EDWIN C. SMITH,
Treasurer and Collector of the City of
Victoria, B. C.
City Hall, Victoria, B. C., 16th
March, 1917.

Motor Cycle Wanted

Sealed tenders will be received by
the undersigned up to 4 p.m. on Mon-
day, April 2, 1917, for one motor cycle,
new or second-hand, in good condition.
Tenders must state price and make
and give full particulars of the ma-
chines they offer for sale. All tenders
must be addressed to the City Pur-
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of envelope "Tender for Motor Cycle."
The lowest or any tender not neces-
sarily accepted.

W. GALT,
City Purchasing Agent.

INFAMOUS ACTION OF NEWSPAPER OWNERS

Vancouver Minister Tells Pro-
hibition Convention Liquor
Men Applied Gag

"We speak of our prostitute women,
but what about our prostitute men,
clergymen, editors, actors and other
men who sell their brains for private
gain?" invoked the Reverend Ernest
Thomas, of Vancouver, from a pulpit
of George Bernard Shaw, at the final
session of the Prohibition Convention
at the Metropolitan Methodist Church
last night. The reverend gentleman
rose to support a resolution which sub-
sequently passed in the following
terms: "That the executive of the Peo-
ple's Prohibition Association be ap-
pointed a committee with instructions
from the authority of this Provincial
Convention to urgently request the
press of this province to publish the
news concerning prohibition. And
further, that the aforesaid executive
be authorized and empowered to use
every lawful means in their power to
enforce this most reasonable request."

Infamous Characters.
"When the men responsible for the
business management of a newspaper
consented to the prostitution of its
columns for the purpose of publishing
slanders, for pay, then those men be-
came infamous characters. When the
Russian general refused to send rein-
forcements to that part of the Russian
line whose need was vital, that was
bad enough, but the action of that of-
ficer is nothing to be compared with
the infamy of those men in this pro-
vince, who for money, gagged the chan-
nels of communication through which
the news of the day should flow. The
world is dependent upon the press for
its knowledge of the world's happen-
ings."

Refused the Word.

"They answer us that they were paid
for the advertisements," continued Mr.
Thomas. "Every man responsible for
the conduct and business of a news-
paper who deliberately allowed the
liquor men to place his thumb on the
freedom of the press and hinder the
truth reaching the people—well, there
is a word in the English language
which I could apply to that action. I
have used it elsewhere, but I will not
use it here. There was no honest at-
tempt on the part of many of the
journalists of this province to tell the
people of the benefits which had at-
tended the adoption of the prohibitory
measure in the provinces to the east
and in the states to the south. Every
owner of a newspaper who deliberately
withheld the news from his subscriber,
declared the reverend gentleman, "de-
liberately broke faith with his cus-
tomer and went back on his contract,
and he did it for pay."

Blamed Power "Behind."

"Until we get freedom from this kind
of thing it will be impossible to hope
for a purification of our journalism. I
speak as a journalist of 20 years'
standing, and I verily believe that the
majority of our journalists voted dry.
I do not blame the editor or the re-
porter, but I do place the blame upon
the men who control the newspapers,
from whom come the instructions as to
what shall or shall not be in-
cluded in its news columns, and in its
advertisement columns."

So Help Me.

The resolution first submitted to the
gathering differed in the essential
nature of the request and recited "the
news and nothing but the news" with-
out the reference to the word "pro-
hibition." Before its final passage
"all the news," "the truth, and noth-
ing but the truth," likewise and ab-
stain from editorial comment," were
suggested provisions for inclusion and
amplification. One of the delegates
braved the remark, with not a little
humor, that "so help me" would round
off the terms of the motion and infuse
a little more of the binding element
into it. A concession from another
delegate reflected his belief that the
executive had no right to "suppress"
editorial comment, maintaining that
editorial freedom was only right and
just.

Local Case Quoted.

The Rev. J. G. Inkster advanced the
opinion that the discussion on the
terms of the resolution above quoted
was sending them off on the wrong
track. "If we lose sight of the main
point in a technicality we deserve to
be kicked," persisted Mr. Inkster.
He believed in the seriousness of the
situation. His recollection took him
back to his experience in the city of
Seattle during the last campaign, when
a well-known speaker had talked to a
large audience for two hours, there
followed the next morning a complete
silence of the press. "I am led to
understand that inquiries became so
insistent that a veritable bombard-
ment of the office in question took
place as to why no report had ap-
peared in the morning paper. The
following issue contained a full re-
port of those proceedings."

Alluding to the phraseology of the
motion, Mr. Inkster averred that
every reporter knew what the sum
and substance of that convention was,
and in consequence knew what com-
prised the news of its deliberations.
The gentlemen who had advanced the
suggestion replied that their sole ob-
ject was to so frame a resolution in
which there would be no loophole
which would either incur ridicule or
raise any obstacle capable of hinder-
ing the wish of the executive and the
convention as a whole.

"Some day you'll be rich enough to
retire from business." "Give up my
nice pleasant office and stay at home!"
rejoined Mr. Grosche, "I should say
not."

Demand Phoenix Beer. Home pro-
duct.

LIQUOR MEN TOLD TRUTH IN THE YUKON

And Conducted Fairly Clean
Campaign, Says Rev. R. W.
Hibber in Address

"The liquor men in Dawson and
vicinity conducted a fairly clean cam-
paign and they told the truth, for
which you must give them credit." That
was one of the remarks of the
Rev. R. W. Hibber, M.A., D.D., of
Dawson, in an address at the closing
session of the Prohibition Convention
last night. He took for the topic of
his remarks "The Yukon Vote," dur-
ing the course of which he described
the unique situation, as far as the
northern country was concerned, as
compared with that of British Co-
lumbia in the campaign for dry legis-
lation.

Bone Dry Pioneers.
"We were the pioneers in a good
many branches of our national life and
we were the pioneers for 'bone dry'
legislation in the Dominion of Canada,"
said Mr. Hibber. He explained that
the campaign in the Yukon com-
menced a year ago. Its inception was
at a meeting of the British Empire
Club, when the Stevens resolution was
discussed. To gauge the temper of
the eighty members present at that
meeting a vote on the resolution was
taken, resulting in three only declar-
ing against. From that incident it
was taken up by the people generally,
the business men and the women.
Work commenced in May, petitions
were placed before the Yukon Council
in June and the poll closed on August
30th.

Revenue From Licenses.
Mr. Hibber told of the wets leading
by fifty on the first returns, and how,
when the outlying districts had been
heard from, the majority against pro-
hibition had been brought down to
three votes only. "That does not
mean that we lack in patriotism for
you must bear in mind that there were
many phases in the Yukon campaign
which were unique, in that our de-
mand was for abolition of facilities for
the sale, manufacture and impor-
tation of liquor. He further told his
audience that in one block alone in
Dawson there were eleven saloons—
lately destroyed by fire—from which a
revenue of twenty thousand dollars
annually was derived.

Increased Taxation.
"That money went straight into the
municipal treasury for the upkeep of
the fire department, the streets and
other public utilities, so that when
you asked a man in Dawson to vote
for prohibition you asked him at the
same time to agree to additional tax-
ation, which would of necessity follow
upon the discontinuance of license
revenue. You who know Dawson,"
he continued, "realize the necessity of
keeping the fire department up to a
state of efficiency. That admits of no
stint." Mr. Hibber said it was only
natural that the liquor advocates
should use the argument of increased
taxation, and they had used it to the
full.

Good Friends.
"But, now it is all over, we are just
as friendly; there are no harsh feel-
ings," said the reverend gentleman.
He was confident, however, that with
the growing demand for the enfran-
chisement of women in the Yukon
success would follow, and the next
time a referendum on prohibition came
up for the judgment of the people
there would be no doubt of the result.

WOMEN'S WORK

Mrs. W. J. Anderson Tells of Labors
of Fair Sex for Prohibition.

The afternoon session held yesterday
in the Metropolitan Church was largely
taken up with special reports of com-
mittees representative of the various
branches of the People's Prohibition
Movement of British Columbia. The
constitution and future policy were
subjected to lengthy discussion, as was
the mode of representation on the
Central Executive.

A general report dealing exclusively
with the work undertaken and carried
on by the women of British Columbia
in the interests of prohibition, was
entrusted to Mrs. W. J. Anderson, of
Vancouver. Her survey of the activities
of the W. C. T. U. extending over a
period of many months was eloquent of
the manner in which the efforts of the
men had been seconded by the mem-
bers of the fair sex. "You could no
more leave the woman out of the pro-
hibition movement than you could
keep her out of the home life," was
Mrs. Anderson's rejoinder to the old
theory that women and parsons in days
gone by were always looked upon as
responsible for temperance movements.
If there was anything in that belief
the business men had now aligned
themselves with the work, and to
those men she desired to tender due
acknowledgment for the splendid treat-
ment given to their womenfolk.

The Feminine Spirit.

The more the speaker associated
with the women of British Columbia
the more was her admiration drawn for
them. Mr. Woodworth had asked for
them. He had them and they worked
right up to the close of the poll.
There were women who had
families of children to look after who
had risen at 5 o'clock in the morning
and had devoted two hours a day to
the distribution of literature. They had
been asked to do some of the real
work because they had become
tired of going to ward meetings and
saying pretty things, she said. Mrs.
Anderson desired the men to know
that the women appreciated the posi-
tion in the movement which had been
given to them.

The thanks of the convention were
accorded to Mrs. Anderson for her re-
port to which the Rev. J. G. Inkster
alluded in terms of enthusiastic ap-
preciation. J. G. Hammond, of Van-
couver, on the same subject went so
far as to say that had it not been for
the work of the women they would
have gone down to defeat on the
civilian vote.

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Six Important Bargains for To-night at 8 o'Clock

Ladies' Silk Gloves

Regular \$1.00 value.
To-night, 8 o'clock, 49c

Ladies' Long Silk Gloves in navy, tan, grey,
pink and sky, 16-button length, with two
dome fasteners at wrist. Sizes 5½ to 6.
Original \$1.00 value. To-night, 8 o'clock, per
pair 49c
—Glove Section, Main Floor

Washing Silks

Regular \$1.00 value.
To-night, 8 o'clock, 73c

New Striped Washing Silks, white grounds with
stripes of gold, blue, strawberry, navy, black
and mixed color effects; width 36 inches.
Reg. \$1.00 value. To-night, 8 o'clock, per
yard 73c
—Silk Section, Main Floor

Ladies' Umbrellas

Regular \$1.25 values.
To-night, 8 o'clock, 98c

A large range of Ladies' Umbrellas, with good
quality gloria covers and straight handles in
fancy carved, silver tipped and plain styles.
Regular \$1.25 values. To-night, 8 o'clock, 98c
—Umbrella Section, Main Floor

Women's Dress Skirts

Regular values to \$10.50.
To-night, 8 o'clock, \$3.95

Women's Dress Skirts, made in flared and pleat-
ed styles. Some have yokes, others are fin-
ished with belt and pockets. The materials
include colored corduroys, shepherd's checks
and serge in navy, green and black. Sizes 22
to 28 inch waist. Regular to \$10.50 values.
Special to-night at 8 o'clock, \$3.95
—Mantle Section, First Floor

500 Yards Prints

Regular 20c values.
To-night, 8 o'clock, 13c

A special selling to-night of 500 yards of Prints.
These come in white grounds with spots,
stripes and figures; width 31 inches. Reg. 20c
value. To-night, 8 o'clock, yard 13c
—Wash Goods, in Basement

New Straw Shapes.

Special To-night, \$1.50

A large range of new Straw Shapes, made in
plain and fancy straws. These come in a va-
riety of smart shapes in black, white and col-
ors. Special to-night, 8 o'clock, \$1.50
—Millinery Section, First Floor

To-morrow Morning Specials

Regular to 35c Curtain Materials, on
Sale Saturday Morning Special, Yard 14c

About 500 yards, to sell at this special price, and this is less than the mill price at present. We advise you
to look up your curtain wants and come early on Saturday and secure some of the best of these styles.
Choice of cream Madras Muslins, hemstitched and bordered Voile and Scrims; white Crossbar and bor-
dered Muslins, 45-inch Scotch Curtain Nets, and Stencilled Casement Muslins in white and cream
grounds with rosebuds in pink and blue. Some of these lengths are as short as one or two pairs of cur-
tains. If you want to secure some of the best of these pieces you should be here sharp at store open-
ing time Saturday morning. Reg. 19c, 25c to 35c values. Saturday, yard 14c
—Curtain Section, Second Floor

Regular \$1.00 Feather Pillows Saturday, Each, 69c

20 only, Feather Pillows, covered in art ticking,
size 18 x 25. These have been slightly dam-
aged, but are quite clean. Regular
\$1.00 values. Saturday, each 69c
—Staple Section, in Basement

At the Neckwear Counter

A large assortment of new Windsor Ties,
in Paisley, stripes and plain colors. Price 85c
Windsor Ties, in Roman stripes and polka
dots, all the newest shades. Price 50c
Silk Knitted Scarves, in purple, Paddy, maize,
saxe, and rose, with white striped
ends. Price \$3.50
—Neckwear Section, Main Floor

Specials for the Last Day of Our Hosiery Sale

Children's Lisle Thread Hosiery, 1-1 rib, black and
white; size 5 to 10. Regular 25c.
Saturday morning, pair 23c
Women's Silk Lisle Hosiery, of extra fine quality,
slightly imperfect, but will give good wear;
made with wide garter top and seamless.
Regular and O. S. sizes. Regular 65c
and 75c. Saturday morning, pair 49c
Phoenix Silk Hosiery for Women, a hosiery which is well-known for durability and satisfaction. Choose from
shades of taupe, silver, sand, putty, suede, purple, battleship grey, emerald, bronze, delf blue,
champagne, lavender, navy, sky, pink, flesh, black and white; sizes 5½ to 10. Special, \$1.25

Special Values in Silk Taffeta Ribbons

Silk Taffeta Ribbons, 4 inches wide, in all
colors. Special, per yard 13c
Silk Taffeta Ribbons, 6 inches wide, in white
and colors. Excellent value at, per yard 25c
Extra Heavy Taffeta Ribbons, 6 inches
wide, in black, white and colors. Per yard 35c
—Ribbon Section, Main Floor

Ladies' Lisle Gloves, Saturday, Pair, 65c

Ladies' Short Lisle Gloves, in white and various
shades of grey. Come with two-dome fasten-
ers, in sizes 6 to 7½. Saturday morning 65c
—Glove Section, Main Floor

\$1.60 Value for 59c

The "Designer" for one year, 12 copies at
10c \$1.20
One Standard Quarterly Fashion Book... 25
One Pattern Coupon, 15c value 15

ALL FOR 59c

March 31st the last day of this special offer.
On sale at Pattern Dept.

Children's Pique and Repp Hats

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signs to choose from. Special, Saturday,
25c
—Art Needlework, Main Floor

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widow and one child live. The cable but details are being awaited. A
message conveying the sad news of his George, also of this city, is a brother of
son's death was received this morning. the deceased soldier.

DIED FROM WOUNDS

Capt. W. E. George Receives Cable
Telling of Soldier Son's Death.

News has just been received by Capt.
W. E. George of the death of his son,
Ivan George, who left here with the
8th Battalion in May of last year, and
who passed away in an English hos-
pital on March 25 from injuries re-
ceived on the battlefield.

The soldier, who was 26 years of
age, enlisted from Victoria, his home
being in James Bay district, where a